

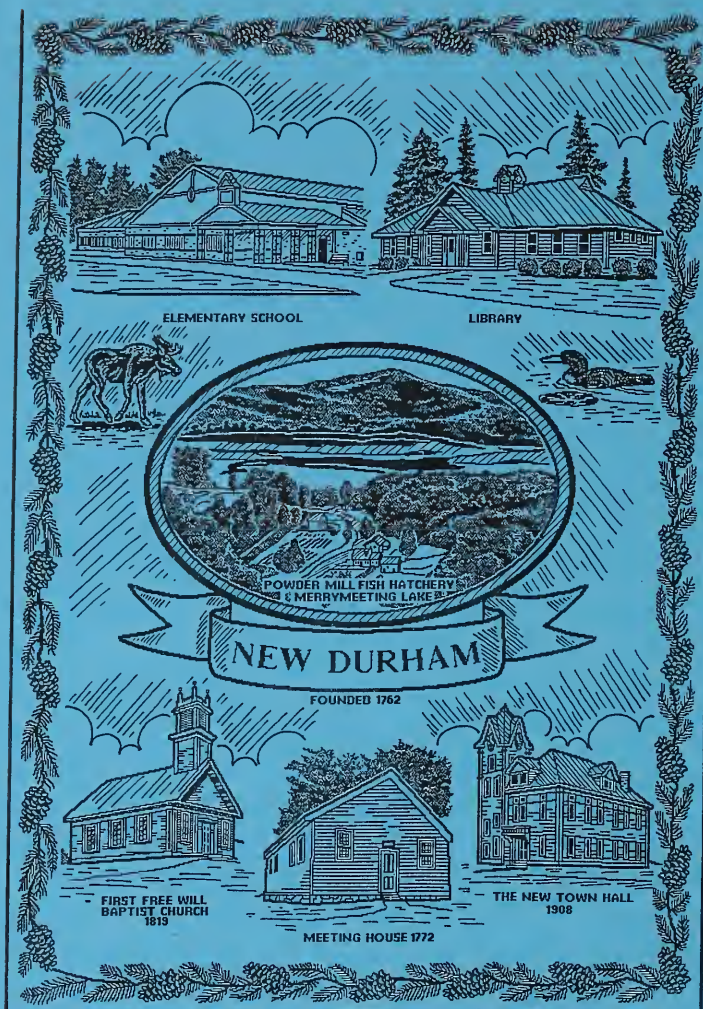
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TOWN OF NEW DURHAM

New Hampshire



1996 Annual Report



THE NEW DURHAM AFGHAN

(Design appears on front cover of the 1996 Town Report)

The NEW DURHAM LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER presents an historical afghan featuring seven landmarks of New Durham, New Hampshire. The pictures on the afghan represent the earliest and the latest important structures in the town and one of its loveliest assets, Merrymeeting Lake. Woven in 100 percent cotton, in a choice of colors - Williamsburg blue, hunter green or dry rose - a pine cone border and woodland creatures complete the decoration in a theme appropriate to the community's environment.

New Durham was opened to settlement in 1750, when Jonathan Chesley and Ebenezer Smith of Durham petitioned on behalf of a number of inhabitants of Durham for a grant of land. This grant would establish a Township bounding upon Rochester Head Line (now Farmington) and Barnstead. They were granted a charter in 1762 by King George III, of the Island of Great Britain, after early settlers succeeded in meeting the requirements to found a new town in the wilderness of New Hampshire, to be called New Durham.

The New Durham Afghan can be seen and ordered at the New Durham Library Resource Center. Telephone 859-2201.

1996 ANNUAL REPORT



NEW DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Population	2,017
Registered Voters	1,238
1996 Net Property Valuation	\$134,402,379
1996 Tax Rate	\$27.04

IN MEMORIAM



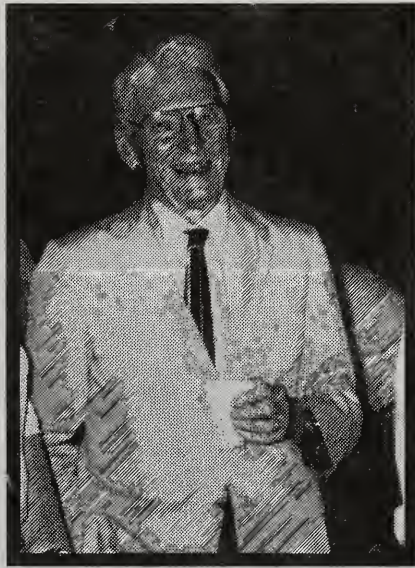
Rachel J. Murray
1923 - 1996

Town Auditor
Trustee of the Library
Director, Rural District Visiting Nurse Association

Outstanding Municipal Volunteer - 1991
New Hampshire Municipal Association

New Durham Citizen of the Year - 1996

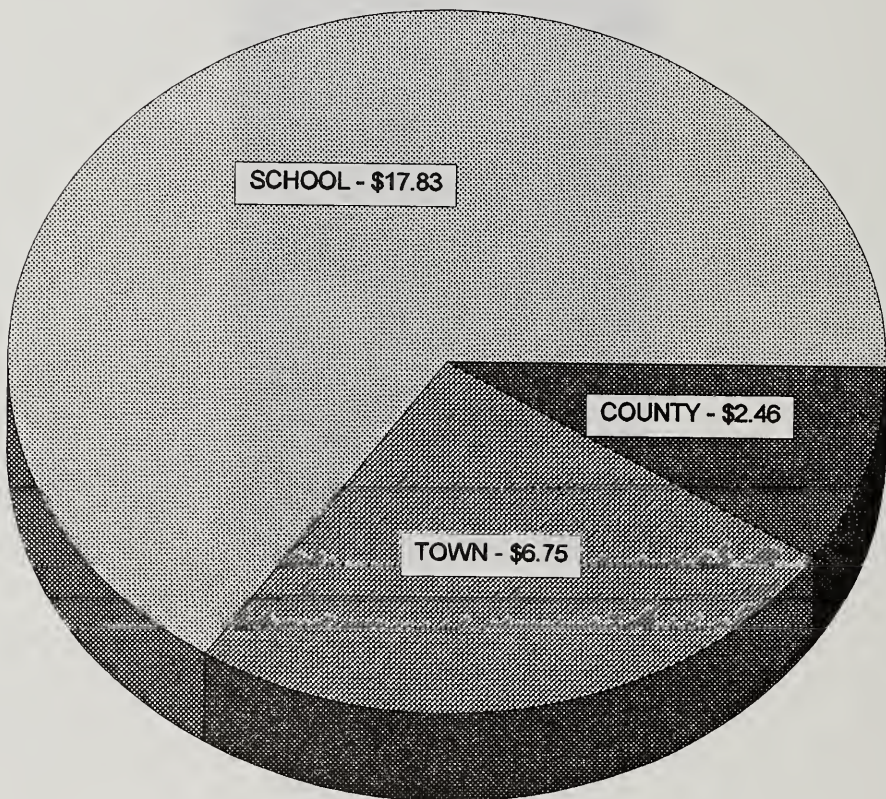
IN MEMORIAM



Robert Nixon
1913 - 1996

Board of Selectmen
Town Moderator
Town Treasurer
Trustee of Trust Funds
Town Auditor
Director, Rural District Visiting Nurses Association

YOUR 1996 TAX DOLLAR



TOTAL TAX RATE \$27.04 PER \$1,000

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Town Moderator	Timothy Bates	1998
Selectmen	M. Dean Stimpson, <i>Chairman</i>	1997
	Joanne V. Heger	1998
	Frederic W. March	1999
Town Clerk	Mary V. Fuller*	
	Holly L. Wheeler*	
	Carole M. Ingham**	1998
<i>Deputy</i>	Elaine R. Stimpson	
Tax Collector	Mary V. Fuller	1998
<i>Deputy</i>	Vacant	
Treasurer	James W. Wheeler	1997
<i>Deputy</i>	Sandra T. Grigg	
Town Administrator	William G. Herman	
Auditors	Cecile M. Chase**	1997
	Robert W. Chase, Jr.**	1997
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement	David T. Lindberg	1997
<i>Assistant</i>	Charles W. Wheeler	
Animal Control Officer	James W. Grigg	
Budget Committee	Arthur W. Hoover, <i>Chairman</i>	1997
	Brenda L. Fontaine, <i>Secretary</i>	1998
	David C. Shagoury	1997
	Clifford Bourgoine	1998
	Phillip Kenny	1999
	Douglas Heaton	1999
	Michael French, CCVD Representative	
	Joanne V. Heger, Selectmen's Representative	

* - Resigned

** - Appointed

TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

John C. Shirley	Robert E. Bickford, <i>Chairman</i>	1999
Cemetery Trustees	Tonya Albee	1997
	Nelson E. Chamberlin	1998
Conservation	Elaine T. Scott*	1997
Commission	William Schmid**	1997
	Eileen Thomas	1998
	Charles Berube	1998
	Susan Pillsbury, <i>Chairman</i>	1999
	Kathleen DeWolfe	1999
	Paul D. Berry, <i>Alternate</i>	1999
	Susan E. Hoover, <i>Alternate</i>	1997
Emergency Management		
Director	Brinley R. Nelson	
Fire Chief	Brinley R. Nelson	
	Peter Varney, <i>Acting Chief</i>	
Health Officer	James W. Grigg	1999
Library Trustees	Linda Bates, <i>Treasurer</i>	1998
	Kendra Sprague	1999
	Monica Haley, <i>Chairman</i>	1999
	Patricia L. Meattey	1997
	Holly L. Fogg, <i>Secretary</i>	1998
Librarian	Gregory Sauer	
Parks & Recreation	Rodney Doherty, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Commission	Mark D. Jarvis	1999
	Juliet Kelly	1997
	Sandra T. Grigg	1997
	Ronald C. Booth	1998
Recreation Director	Bruce Neal	

* - Resigned

** - Appointed

TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Overseer of Public Welfare

Sandra T. Grigg

Planning Board

L. Rodgers Smith	1997
Charles Bridges	1998
David Lindberg	1998
Brenda L. Fontaine, <i>Chairman</i>	1999
Frederic W. March, Ex-officio Member	1997
Michael R. Gelinas, Alternate	1997
Joanne V. Heger, Alternate Ex-officio	1997
Robert Wengrzynek, Alternate	1998
Carlene Cutter, Alternate	1999

Police Chief

David M. Wheeler

Recycling Committee

Elaine T. Scott
 Tonya Albee
 Susan Pillsbury
 Cheryl Cullimore, *Chairman*
 Nancy Robinson
 Susan Hoover
 Piper Allison Bennett

Supervisors of the Checklist

Leo B. Murray	1998
Alma M. Jacklin	2000
Nancy H. Lessard	2002

Town Historian

Eloise R. Bickford

Trustees of Trust Funds

Kathryn B. Woods	1997
David L. Munroe, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Elaine R. Stimpson, <i>Treasurer</i>	1999

Zoning Board of Adjustment

James Eaton, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Nancy Wight	1999
John Nicaastro	1997
Mauri Kenney	1999
Barbara Ham	1998
Susan Randall, Alternate	1999
Lurene Wentworth, Alternate	1998

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
1996**



Leo & Rachel Murray

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As 1996 comes to a close, we are pleased to make this annual report to the citizens of New Durham.

The pages of this Annual Town Report are filled with the specific reports and information which outline the activity and accomplishments of all our Town departments, boards, commissions and officers during the past year.

As the Town's chief executive and financial officers, the Board of Selectmen has continued the support and guidance necessary to meet New Durham's present and new challenges. Our residents expect sound management of all of our community's resources, and we are working to meet these challenges.

We are aware that past few months have been extremely difficult and draining for our community as a whole. We are taking this opportunity to directly report to the citizens of New Durham concerning the current status of the New Durham Fire Department.

On October 17th, a majority of this Board made the difficult decision to suspend Brinley R. Nelson from his position as Fire Chief after identifying areas of deficiency in his performance in this capacity. He was also directed to participate in and successfully complete specific courses designed to improve these areas of deficiency.

This action came following an extraordinary 12 hours of public testimony and deliberations. During that time, the majority of our Board made more than 125 individual rulings and decisions on findings of fact, specific charges and, ultimately, the decision to suspend. The record speaks for itself and we will not attempt to editorialize on its content.

With this difficult process behind us, we are looking forward to moving ahead as a community during the coming months and year.

There is no one among us in New Durham more keenly aware of the pain and tribulation our community has endured than the members of our Board. No one has found any pleasure in this process. We have attempted to address the serious issues before us in as reasonable a manner possible.

As a Board, we are prepared to address and resolve the remaining operational and management issues remaining on the table in as positive and productive a manner possible. As a community, we should all be moving forward to put these matters behind us and to provide our community with the best services possible that we collectively deserve and expect.

To all Town officers, employees and volunteers, we express our sincere appreciation for your dedicated service to the citizens of New Durham throughout the past year. Keep up the good work!

M. Dean Stimpson, *Chairman*

Joanne V. Heger, *Selectman*

Frederic W. March, *Selectman*

NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECORD OF TOWN MEETING

MARCH 12, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Moderator Timothy Bates. At such time, he declared the polls open for Town elections. The ballot box was inspected and locked. The Moderator then asked for a motion to close the polls at 7:00 P.M. The motion was moved by Nancy Lessard and seconded by Mauri Kenny. There was no discussion. A vote was called and the vote determined all in favor of closing the polls at 7:00 P.M.

Moderator Bates declared the polls closed at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was officially recessed until March 13, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at the New Durham School. Voter turn out in New Durham was 261. The results of the election are as follows:

TOWN ELECTION

Selectman	Frederic March	208 votes
Town Clerk	Holly Wheeler	174 votes
	Barbara Ham	56 votes
Moderator	Timothy Bates	227 votes
Treasurer	James Wheeler	219 votes
Auditors	Leo Murray	22 votes (write-in)
	Rachel Murray	19 votes (write-in)
Trustee of Trust Fund	Elaine Stimpson	226 votes
Library Trustee	Monica Haley	214 votes
	Kendra Sprague	11 votes (write-in)
Supervisor of Checklist	Nancy Lessard	233 votes
Cemetery Trustee	Robert Bickford	236 votes

Amendment to the Town of New Durham Building Regulation:

YES - 192

NO - 64

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	Randy Walker	200 votes
School Board Member At-Large	Gordon Hunt	113 votes
	Robert Seaman	85 votes
School Board Member Tuftonboro	Richard Knapp	86 votes
School Board Member At-Large	Donald Meader	188 votes

School Board Member

Brookfield	Nancy Jacobson	181 votes
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School Board Member

Wolfeboro	Robert Davis	82 votes
	Kathleen Moody	108 votes

RSA 40:13 (also known Senate Bill 2)

YES - 192 NO - 44

RECORD OF TOWN MEETING**MARCH 13, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Timothy Bates, at 7:00 P.M. He then recognized Mary V. Fuller, who retired her position of Town Clerk after 34 years, and asked her to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to flag. He requested a moment of silence in respect to the memories of William H. Nehring and William B. Cullimore, and their contributions to the town. Fire Chief Nelson then presented a plaque of appreciation to Robert Ingham, retired Deputy Fire Chief, for his 13 years of dedicated service.

Moderator Bates then introduced the Board of Selectmen, Assistant Moderator David Mohr and the town officials on the stage. Results of the previous day's election on Town officers, Governor Wentworth School District balloting, Senate Bill 2 and the proposed amendment to the Town of New Durham Building regulations were read by the Moderator.

ARTICLE #2. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Chief Nelson that the Town authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a financial agreement (lease purchase) for the purpose of acquiring a new emergency medical vehicle and related equipment for the New Durham Ambulance Corps, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,460 for this purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Shirley Timber Fund and \$18,460 from the New Durham Ambulance Fund previously established for the purpose of a down payment and first year's payments for that vehicle. And, further, to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the New Durham Ambulance Fund previously established for the purpose of a down payment and first year's payment for the vehicle.

Selectman Heger moved and Elaine Stimpson seconded to amend the article as follows: I move for the Town to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a financial agreement (lease purchase) for the purpose of acquiring a new emergency medical vehicle and related equipment for the New Durham

Fire Department; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,460 for this purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Shirley Timber Fund and \$18,460 from the New Durham Ambulance Fund previously established for the purpose of a down payment and first year's payments for that vehicle. And, further, to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the New Durham Ambulance Fund previously established.

Moderator Bates explained the article. After discussion, the vote was called and all were in favor of adopting the amendment. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Heger to adopt Article 2 as amended. Explanation of the article was given by Selectman Heger and Selectman Stimpson. The vote was called and the article was passed as amended.

ARTICLE #3. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for improvements on Merrymeeting Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided that the State of New Hampshire appropriates \$20,000 for this purpose. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE #4. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to discontinue the Owl's Head Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund created in 1992. Said funds totaling \$66,878.19 as of December 31, 1995, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. Road Agent Mark Fuller gave an overview of Articles 4, 5 & 6 and answered questions pertaining to the Owl's Head project. Mr. James Fenske and Mr. Robert Lonergan, North Shore residents, questioned the Board on their intentions for the project. Mr. Douglas Heaton spoke against the passing of the article. A vote was taken and the article was passed.

ARTICLE #5. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of Birch Hill Road and to authorize the withdrawal from the Birch Hill Road Capital Reserve Fund the sum of \$39,272 plus all interest up to the sum of \$1,000, accumulated to the date of withdrawal, to discontinue that fund. The balance of the appropriation will come from the Town's general fund. Mr. Edward Neister and Mr. Peter Chaisson questioned the use of the monies and an explanation of the article. Road Agent Fuller offered explanations as needed. A vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE #6. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Mr. Fenske to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000

of Owl's Head. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the engineering is completed or in two years, whichever is less. Road Agent Mark Fuller and Selectman March explained the article. A vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE #7. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fun previously established. Selectman Heger explained the article and answered any questions. A vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE #8. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Highway Department Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE #9. Selectman March moved, seconded by Selectman Stimpson, that the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of purchasing a used four-wheel drive truck for the Highway Department, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. An explanation of the article was provided by Road Agent Fuller. A vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE #10. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 35 for the purpose of purchasing a new assessing software package, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. Mr. Heaton questioned the total cost of the project and Selectman Stimpson explained. Mr. Fenske questioned why the article was not recommended by the Budget Committee. Brenda Fontaine, Secretary of the Budget Committee, explained that it was recommended by the Committee, but due to a printing error of the Town Report , it was omitted. A vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE #11. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Heger that the Town votes to establish an expendable general maintenance trust fund under the provision of R.S.A. 31:19 (a) for the purpose of maintaining the Town Office computer equipment; to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for that purpose. After some discussion the vote was called and the article passed.

ARTICLE #12. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Heger that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Uncared For Old Graveyard Trust Fund previously established for maintenance & restoration of Old Graveyards. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE #13. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Accrued Benefit Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE #14. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Heger that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,974 for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of town maintained roads. Of the \$141,974, \$66,974 will be received through State Highway Block Grant Aid from the State of New Hampshire, and the balance of \$75,000 would be raised by taxation. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE #15. Moved by Fire Chief Nelson and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town will vote to recognize and approve the organization of the New Durham Fire Department, in accordance with RSA 154:1 (a), which organization will have the Fire Chief continue to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen with firefighters appointed by the Fire Chief. There was no discussion and the article passed.

ARTICLE #16. Moved by Selectman Heger and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town vote to set the compensation of the Town Clerk, in lieu of statutory fees, at an annual salary of \$13,260 for a minimum of a 30 hour per week position. Selectman Heger explained the article. After some discussion a vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE #17. Moved by Selectman March and seconded by Selectman Stimpson that the Town vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of Town government. This amount will be \$1,768,281 and includes articles just passed.

Moved by Mark Jarvis and seconded by Linda Bishop the following amendment to Article 17 was presented: To increase the Selectman's budget for General Government Buildings (Account #4194) by \$2,000 to provide for the construction and maintenance of an informational sign to be placed on the grounds of the New Durham Public Library. Said sign to meet applicable town codes and be designed, installed and maintained as the Selectmen and Library

Trustees consider appropriate.

Mark Jarvis explained the amendment and answered questions. After discussion, both pro and con concerning the sign, it was determined that the location was a problem. Linda Bishop motioned to amend the amendment and to strike the words "to be placed on the grounds of the New Durham Public Library." Susan Pillsbury-Jenkins seconded. A vote was taken and all were in favor of striking the phrase. A vote was then called to adopt the amendment as amended which resulted in all in favor. Article 17 would now be increased by \$2,000 and the new amount would be \$1,770,281. General discussion followed on the budget. The vote was called for and the article passed.

ARTICLE #18. There were no reports of standing committees.

Motioned by Selectman Heger, seconded by Selectman Stimpson and voted all in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy T. Booth
Deputy Town Clerk

A true copy of record, ATTEST:

Betsy T. Booth
Deputy Town Clerk
New Durham, N.H. 03855

**SPECIAL REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM
BUDGET COMMITTEE
FOLLOWING REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES OCCURRING DURING
CALENDAR/FISCAL YEAR 1996**

In August 1996, Elizabeth Varney, a volunteer member of the New Durham Fire Department whose husband is currently the acting Chief of the New Durham Fire Department, wrote to the Department of Revenue Administration concerning the manner in which certain expenditures had been handled by the Board of Selectmen during the Spring and Summer of 1996. These concerns specifically dealt with expenditures involving the ambulance service, as well as expenses incurred in the repair and remodeling of one of the Town buildings which was used to house the ambulance.

The Department of Revenue Administration responded to Ms. Varney on August 13, 1996, and pointed out to her that the Budget Committee should determine whether the expenditures were appropriately handled when it conducts its periodic review of appropriations and expenditures. In that correspondence, the Department of Revenue Administration pointed out to Ms. Varney that the statute involved is RSA 32:22.

Ms. Varney in turn provided members of the Budget Committee copies of the correspondence from the Department of Revenue Administration, and requested that the Budget Committee conduct a review of Town expenditures. This request was, in turn, followed by a telephone request from Peter Varney.

In response to the requests of Elizabeth and Peter Varney, the Budget Committee contacted the Town Administrator on or about September 12, 1996 requesting a printout of all appropriations and expenditures made by the Town during the 1996 budget year.

Following receipt of the information from the Town Administrator, the Budget Committee requested of the Town Administrator that he schedule a Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 1996. The Budget Committee also requested that the Town Administrator require each department head in the Town to provide information to the Committee in advance of the meeting. The information requested of the department heads was expected to include statements as to whether or not any cash payments had been made by the department; a complete and itemized list of all purchases by the department during the past three years which exceeded \$250.00; a budget analysis of any such expenditures in excess of \$250.00 during the past three years; and an itemization of all payments to any employee or member of the department other than salary or overtime pay.

The Budget Committee meeting did occur on October 29, 1996. All department heads had complied with the request of the Budget Committee with the exception of the Fire Department. The acting Fire Chief, Peter Varney, did attend the meeting, as did other members of the Fire Department. During the meeting, the Budget Committee reviewed the law and informed those in attendance that the Selectmen had not violated the law, and the Budget Committee could not register a complaint concerning the manner in which expenditures had been paid during the past budget year. The Budget Committee pointed out to those in attendance that, as long as the total expenditures had not exceeded the total anticipated expenses set forth in the budget, the Budget Committee could not find fault with the manner in which expenditures had been made within each department's budget.

At the October 29, 1996 meeting, the acting Fire Chief indicated that he was not aware of the meeting on October 29, 1996 until just before the meeting, and was not aware of the request to provide information to the Committee. The Budget Committee noted it was members of the Fire Department who had requested the meeting in the first place, and that the notice of the meeting had not only been posted, but also that each department head had received a copy of the requests which the Budget Committee had made. All other departments had complied with the requests of the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee then agreed to a second meeting to be held on November 12, 1996, two weeks from the October 29, 1996 meeting, to allow the Fire Department additional time to respond to the requests of the Committee. Prior to the November 12, 1996, the Budget Committee was informed by the Town Administrator that the Fire Department had yet to submit the requested information. Accordingly, the Budget Committee agreed to postpone the November 12, 1996 meeting until November 26, 1996. The Budget Committee also requested of the Town Administrator that he personally notify acting Fire Chief Varney that the information was expected prior to the November 26, 1996 meeting.

At the November 26, 1996 meeting, the Budget Committee was given a computer printout of the expenditures of the Fire Department. The computer printout did not contain all of the information requested by the Budget Committee and, in fact, was information the Committee could have obtained directly from the Town Administrator. Further, no one from the Fire Department attended the November 26, 1996 meeting, although other department heads were in attendance.

Following a review of all of the information received from the department heads, and also recognizing the fact that the Fire Department did not comply with the Budget Committee requests, and did not attend the November 26, 1996 meeting during which its expenditures were discussed, the Budget Committee voted unanimously to make the following recommendations to the Board of Selectmen:

1. That the Town adopt a conflict of interest policy. The conflict of interest policy should identify what constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to any person who is employed by or involved with any department in any capacity within the Town.
 2. That the Town adopt a bid policy. The bid policy should apply to all departments.
 3. That both the conflict of interest policy and the bid policy should be in effect no later than March 1, 1997.
 4. That the Town contact its legal counsel to determine if the conflict of interest policy and the bid policy can also apply to all voluntary associations or auxiliaries which are connected to and/or associated with various departments within the Town. The Budget Committee is concerned that it is possible for the various associations (the volunteer fire company, the police relief association, etc.) to operate outside the conflict of interest policy and the bid policy, which would be counter to the purposes of the policies. To the extent that it is legally permissible, the Budget Committee feels that these associations should be subject to the same conflict of interest policy and bid policy as the departments within the Town.
 5. That each independent and volunteer association's financial affairs be made available to the Town. At the very least, the Committee recommends to the Selectmen that each and every such association send a copy of its required annual filing with the State to the Town Administrator so that such annual filing can be reviewed.
 6. That the Town obtain and keep updated an itemization and inventory of each piece of equipment held by each department. It was further recommended that such itemization and inventory be reviewed on an annual basis.
 7. That each department head and the Board of Selectmen develop a qualified vendor list identifying vendors that the departments and the Town may use. Further, it was recommended that the vendor list be updated and confirmed on a periodic basis.
 8. That each department head and the Board of Selectmen make periodic comparisons and checks between the qualified vendors to ensure that the Town is receiving favorable pricing and bids.
 9. That the Town adopt a policy concerning all promotions and favors, as well as all gifts, received by any member of any department, or any department itself. The Budget Committee was concerned that there is an
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opportunity for abuse as a result of the lack of a policy concerning what type of commissions, favors and gifts are permitted.

10. That, with respect to the Fire Department, the Town require that no clothing reimbursement is to be made to any person in the Fire Department without the receipt of actual invoices or receipts indicating the cost incurred for replacing any such clothing damaged as a result of a response to a fire.

11. That the Town request of the Fire Department that no compensation or reimbursement be made to any member of the Fire Department for attendance at any schooling or educational classes without the receipt of actual invoices or receipts indicating the actual expense involved in any such training program.

12. That all payments made from any department head for any purpose whatsoever be made by check and be documented. In making this recommendation, the Budget Committee was concerned over a past practice of the Fire Department whereby compensation was made to each individual member of the Fire Department in cash without appropriate documentation and record keeping. The Committee understands that, in the past, such payments have been made shortly before Christmas by the Fire Chief giving to each member of the Fire Department an envelope containing cash.

13. That the Town request of each department head a list of all equipment used in any fashion within the department that is not owned by the Town or the department. In making this recommendation, the Budget Committee was concerned that the voluntary associations or corporations such as the fire company and/or the police relief association may have, in the past, purchased certain items of equipment or property. The Committee feels that all such equipment should, in fact, be owned by and titled to the Town.

14. That the Town require that the Fire Department adopt a policy with respect to all of its educational courses. The policy should effect all personnel within the Fire Department, and should set forth specifics concerning attendance at such courses and other requirements. The Budget Committee was concerned by the fact that there is a compensation item in the budget of the Fire Department which pays each member of the Fire Department the same amount for attending educational courses without distinguishing between those who do attend and those who do not, and without defining the requirements of any such educational program.

15. That the Town require the Fire Department to adopt a policy as to how its members are to be compensated. The Budget Committee was concerned about the existing practice where each member of the Fire Department is compensated in the same amount regardless of the effort contributed by any individual member of the Department.

16. That the Town obtain an opinion from its legal counsel as to whether or not equipment purchased by the voluntary associations or corporations must be turned over to the Town and, if so, what the mechanics of

the procedure are for turning such equipment over.

17. That the Town require that each department head review its budget expenditures on a quarterly basis to determine whether or not expenditures are on track, and whether or not there have been expenditures in excess of budgetary allowances.

In voting on these recommendations, the Budget Committee acknowledges that the Fire Department has been extensively identified. However, as noted above, the Fire Department did not provide the information requested on time, even after a two week extension. Further, the information provided was not complete. Finally, the Fire Department did not attend the meeting during which these issues were discussed. Accordingly, the Budget Committee did not have available input from the Fire Department which may or may not have modified some of the recommendations that have been made with respect to the Fire Department.

As a general statement, it was the conclusion of the Budget Committee that the departments in the Town are being operated in a professional and reasonable manner, and that there is no abuse of the budget process. The recommendations that have been made are an attempt to standardize certain procedures within the Town to eliminate the possibility of any one department operating outside the adopted rules and procedures of the Town.

The one area the Budget Committee feels warrants attention is the Fire Department. It is evident there is friction between the Selectmen and the Fire Department. This friction has been demonstrated and manifested throughout the past eight or nine months by the various legal activities ongoing between the Selectmen and the Fire Department.

The Budget Committee deliberately took no position with respect to the legal issues between the Selectmen and the Fire Department, but the Budget Committee did note that the Fire Department often operates independently of the procedures which apply to other departments in the Town. The Budget Committee recognizes that a volunteer fire department requires, by necessity, some independence. Further, the Budget Committee acknowledges that the Town of New Durham is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers. However, as the recommendations of the Committee suggest, there is a need for the Fire Department to recognize that it is still a department of the Town and, therefore, must act in accordance with the basic rules and procedures adopted by the Town.

Accordingly, the Budget Committee is also recommending that, to the extent possible, the Town explore methods by which the Fire Department and

its activities will not continue to be as independent as they have been in the past. It is the feeling of the Budget Committee that there has not been adequate institutional control over the manner in which the Fire Department has been operating during the past several years. Evidence of the lack of institutional control is the past practice of cash payments to members of the Fire Department, as well as a failure to adopt and maintain a bid policy. Further, there is concern that the Fire Department may be making purchases which directly or indirectly benefits one or more members of the Fire Department financially. Any such representations, allegations and suspicions will be greatly diminished if there is more institutional control in the Fire Department. The Budget Committee feels, at this time, that institutional control is lacking and will continue to be lacking until the Fire Department becomes less independent of the Town rules and regulations.

The Budget Committee also has indicated to the Selectmen that, if the Selectmen wish, this report can be made public.

Respectfully submitted,
New Durham Budget Committee
Arthur W. Hoover, Chairman
Brenda L. Fontaine, Secretary
Joanne V. Heger, Selectmen's Representative
Michael French, Copple Crown Village District Representative
Philip J. Kenny, *Clifford Bourgoine*, *David Shagoury*
and *Douglas Heaton*, Members

December 30, 1996

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERMITS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>	<u>FEES</u>
Single Family Homes	14	\$ 1,044,898.00	\$ 3,747.00
Additions & Alterations	23	273,414.00	1,582.00
Garages	13	251,450.00	1,147.00
Sheds & Barns	6	22,128.00	197.00
Structures other than Buildings	6	30,500.00	256.00
Nonresidential Buildings	2	177,000.00	626.00
Mobile Homes	2	30,300.00	163.00
Other	3	68,900.00	200.00
TOTALS	68	\$ 1,898,590.00	\$ 7,918.00

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of New Durham:

We have ended another year on a positive note with an increase of valuation over last year of \$339,846.00. Also, there has been an increase of fees collected of \$822.00, while we issued 10 fewer permits than 1995.

We would like to Thank everyone that needed inspections for giving us ample time to complete them. We realize at times emergencies do come in to play, and we have tried to accommodate you to the best of our ability. As expressed last year, a 24-hour notice is expected and is greatly appreciated. We try to do inspections that evening or the following morning. Please call us from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and leave a message on our answering machine so we can get back to you. If you would like to speak to us personally, please call after 7:00 p.m. Please call David T. Lindberg at 859-4081 or Assistant Charlie Wheeler at 859-6721. Charlie Wheeler is on call from April to December if I am not available. Office hours are Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, telephone 859-7171.

Would you like to help keep you taxes from going up? We need your help to accomplish this. As you know, we are part-time inspectors so, during the day, we are at our regular jobs. If you see work being done and there is no permit visible, please call us. Using figures from the 1995 Town Report of \$27.00 tax rate and a rounded population of 2,000. In 1996, the average cost for Additions and Alterations was \$11,888. If five jobs go unreported, that comes to \$59,438.00. At \$27.00 per thousand, we loose \$1,605.00 tax dollars which, to be made up by 2,000 people, is 80 cents per person.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Lindberg
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

JOHN C. SHIRLEY CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The expansion for future plots began to take shape this year. A roadway to access these plots was begun and, by the time you're reading this, we hope it will be completed.

The new road will be flanked at the cemetery by granite posts to tie in with the rest of the Shirley Cemetery entrance. These new plots should provide ample space for the next few years, but in the long run, an additional site for a cemetery will be needed.

Landscaping by the granite bench has been improved so the sitting area will have an enhanced appearance.

In 1997, the Trustees goals include final surveying and marking of plots so they are ready to be deeded as they're sold. The finishing touches on the new roadway will also be reviewed.

We hope the residents of New Durham are pleased with the substantial progress and improvements we've made. If you have comments, suggestions or would like more information, please call Robert Bickford at 859-2611.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert E. Bickford, Chairman
Nelson E. Chamberlin, Trustee
Tonya Albee, Trustee
John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of New Durham, I respectfully submit my annual report as Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

As is our policy, we conducted on-site reviews of all regular and expedited Dredge and Fill applications submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau. Thereafter, we submitted our recommendations to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau, with a copy to the applicant.

In addition, we investigated and reported to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau all verified complaints of alleged violations of wetlands regulations. It is our policy to immediately contact the NHDES Wetlands Bureau with the nature of the alleged violation, with a copy of our letter to the landowner of the property in question. The most frequent violation is the placement of sand into the water, or adjacent to the water's edge, to create or replenish a beach. Be advised that a permit from the NHDES Wetlands Bureau is required before any sand can be dumped or work begun. Any work completed without a permit may result in the imposition of a fine and/or a removal and restoration order. Civil or criminal penalties may apply for repeat offenders.

We suggest that anyone considering any work in or adjacent to any water in town to contact us or the NHDES Wetlands Bureau (271-2147) prior to beginning any work.

One of our Commissioners is involved in collecting water samplings and submitting them for analysis. This is being done through the NHDES Biology Bureau Monitoring Program and is another way we are working to ensure the lakes, ponds and streams of our town remain crystal clear and clean.

We regret the resignation of one of our longtime Commissioners. After many years on the New Durham Conservation Commission, Elaine Scott Bickford has resigned due to time constraints. We will miss her vast knowledge of the area and want to thank her for her years of dedication and service.

Fortunately for us, Bill Schmid has become a new member of the Conservation Commission. Bill has been very involved with the Merrymeeting Lake Association for many years and we welcome his expertise and enthusiasm.

Our meetings are held at the Town Hall on the last Wednesday of every month. We invite all those who are interested or have any questions to attend.

Respectfully submitted;

Susan Pillsbury, Chairman
New Durham Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town Report of 1931 states Article 11 in the Town Warrant said "To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to buy fire-fighting apparatus for the town and appropriate money for the same." The first Chief was John Gerrish who served the Town for many years. Membership was limited to 15 members and the records indicate that the tradition of the volunteers raising money to support the Department started during the first year.

In 1947 the roster showed 34 members with a limit of 35 being imposed. The Chiefs during the period, Rennie Grenier, Robert Bickford and Harry Nutter served with as many as 36 volunteers. Town records show that the people that have volunteered on the New Durham Fire Department have always given unselfishly of their time, quite often their own money, and have given up valuable time with their families to assist with emergencies and attend trainings. As the Fire Chief, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given so much to the Department and their community.

I have been on the Department for 26 years and over the last year I have seen your volunteers work harder than any other year that I can recall. Your volunteers have given incredible amounts of their time to you and I want to share with you a few examples of this. During 1996, we were called 196 times to answer emergencies that resulted in 2,105.5 man-hours being devoted to caring for those in need. A look at our training schedule shows that the hours volunteered to training include:

Emergency Responder	300 man hours
EMT Class	1,080 man hours
Ladder Training	272 man hours
Automobile Extrication	224 man hours
Other Department Training	1,800 approximate man hours
Equipment and upkeep	1,000 approximate man hours

This adds up to a total of 6,691 man-hours volunteered to the Town. These hours were volunteered at all times of the day or night, all days of the week.

As a result of our training efforts, we have six members who are newly licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) which brings our Department total to 14 licensed ambulance providers, including three Emergency Responders, 10 EMTs and 1 EMT-Intermediates (EMT-I) among 28 members. We are currently allotted only 30 members and the Deputy Chief has asked the Board of Selectmen to approve us for 35 positions. We have a number of pending applications and this would bring us up to the staffing level allowed in 1947 and give us a larger group to share the important and time-consuming volunteer work we do.

Other goals for 1997 include a pilot program to install dry hydrants at key locations in Town. The long-term goal is to lower insurance rates for homeowners. A noticeable change should be seen in your bills once we determine the proper locations and have installed three or more hydrants.

We also hope to have four of our EMTs certified as EMT-Is, which will allow us to provide more advanced life support, including IVs and some additional pre-hospital medications.

Over the next year, our Fire Station will be receiving the first of a series of upgrades. The meeting/training room will be re-carpeted and the whole building will be painted. We have purchased and are awaiting delivery of a computer system to aid us in recordkeeping and other areas. The Land Use Clerk, Sandi Greenwood, has been hired to assist us with clerical duties. In order to make the Department more accessible to the public, we are presently developing a schedule of office hours so that access to fire permits and other information is easier.

We take our mission of volunteer service to the Town very seriously. I invite members of the public to become more involved in the Fire Department, and to find out what we are doing. If you have any questions or want to see the Department, you are welcome to stop by if you see someone at the station. We also urge anyone interested in joining the Department to contact any of the members for information or application forms.

Serving our community is why we are here and we will continue to do so to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully submitted;
Brinley R. Nelson
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND
STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are 10 Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs, as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office in Concord at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, two mobile patrols and three contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 Fire Statistics

<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>		<u>Fires Reported by County</u>	
Smoking	5	Belknap	6
Debris Burning	34	Carroll	7
Campfire	16	Cheshire	13
Power Line	4	Coos	10
Railroad	2	Grafton	12
Equipment Use	1	Hillsborough	19
Lightning	2	Merrimack	14
Children	22	Rockingham	15
OHRV	1	Strafford	5
Miscellaneous	20	Sullivan	6
TOTAL FIRES	107		

Number of Fires in Local Community - 0

Suppression Cost - 0

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES"

Lee A. Gardner
Forest Ranger

Respectfully submitted;

Brinley R. Nelson
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Your health officer continues to monitor activities as charged by RSA 129:5 in order to safeguard the public health or to prevent pollution of any body of water and, if necessary, take appropriate action to prevent further pollution.

A flu-shot clinic was once again provided by the Rural District Visiting Nurse Association and held at the Resource Center of the New Durham Library. Participation was very good.

The spring on South Shore has been closed by the health officer because of problems with water quality. Testing was performed during the summer and fall months. The results indicated the presence of bacteria which must be eliminated before the spring will be reopened.

Several day care centers were inspected during 1995. All are required to be licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

No confirmed cases of rabies were experienced in New Durham in 1996. You will recall the experience of one New Durham family that was exposed to this disease and their frustration of who to call or what to do.

What you can do to prevent rabies:

1. Be sure pets are inoculated against rabies and make sure their shots are up to date. (Dogs and cats are required by law to be inoculated against rabies.)
2. Do not touch or pick up wild or stray animals. Don't try to feed them or make them pets.
3. Report unknown or strangely behaving animals to the Animal Control Officer or N.H. Fish & Game Department.
4. Do not make your yard inviting to wild animals. Feed pets inside the house.
5. Keep pets indoors at night. Pets that roam freely are more likely to get rabies.
6. Wear protective gloves when handling a pet that has been involved with a wild or stray animal.

If bitten by a wild or domestic animal, seek medical attention immediately. Wash the wound with lots of soap and water for 10 minutes or more. Contact your Animal Control Officer. Do not attempt to capture the animal unless you can do so without further exposure to yourself. The following numbers are printed again for your information.

New Hampshire Fish and Game	271-3361
New Hampshire Bureau of Disease Control	271-4496
New Hampshire State Veterinarian	271-2404
N. H. Department of Agriculture Rabies Hot Line	1-800-385-7788
New Durham Police Department (Animal Control & Health Officer)	859-2751

Several failed septic systems required reconstruction during the past year. Reconstruction permits are required for all commercial installations and for most private systems. Forms and permits are available from the Department of Environmental Services Subsurface Systems Bureau, 6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, N.H. 03302-0095 or your septic system designer.

Once again, the Merrymeeting Lake Association and its many volunteers have participated in the lay lakes water study establishing a data base of water quality for Merrymeeting Lake. Members participate in weekly water tests during the summer months. The results are presented to UNH in a yearly report which is on file at the New Durham Library. Their efforts in monitoring the lake are certainly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Grigg
Health Officer

MESSAGE FROM STATE SENATOR LEO FRASER

It has been a pleasure serving as your state senator for the past six years and I look forward to working on your behalf having been elected to serve another term. I have always sought to represent the needs and concerns of the residents of District Four.

During the past two years I sponsored a number of important legislative initiatives. Improving our roads, lowering our electric rates and making health insurance more affordable and accessible formed the core of my legislative agenda.

Looking ahead, the next two years will present many new challenges and opportunities. Improving education, passing a state budget, continuing our efforts to deregulate our electric industry and looking for new and innovative ways to stimulate economic growth and expansion are but a few of the issues we will consider. As always, the effect these measures will have on the people and communities I represent will weigh heavily in my deliberations on these issues.

I encourage anyone who has an idea or concern on an issue we are considering to please give me a call. Your input is valuable and of great assistance. I thank you again for placing your confidence in me as your state senator, and I look forward to working with all of you during the next two years.

Leo W. Fraser, Jr.
State Senator - District Four

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The past year was another busy year for the Highway Department.

In 1996, the winter brought many storms which kept maintenance expenses high. The summer months gave us an overabundance of rain, causing minor erosion to gravel roads throughout the town which required constant ditching and grading.

A fall rain storm of approximately eight inches caused minor damage to Town roads. While the Town received some federal & state financial assistance for this work, the damage would have been a lot worse if not for the 1988 Town Meeting, where the voters and taxpayers approved a new backhoe and a culvert replacement program.

The Road Surface Management System (RSMS) work for 1996 consisted of the following projects:

Valley Road 1.0 miles	Reclaim old tar for base; fine grade & compact; apply 2" hot mix to surface. Cost - \$46,700
Old Route 11 0.869 miles	Reclaim tar; fine grade & compact; apply 2" hot mix to surface. Cost - \$44,000
Main Street 0.2 miles	Reclaim tar; fine grade & compact; apply 2" hot mix to surface. Cost - \$9,700
Davis Crossing Road 1.01 miles	Spot shim; Apply 1" hot mix overlay. Cost - \$23,400
South Shore Road 1.0 miles	Apply hot mix - thick shim. Cost - \$17,000
Ham Road	Base coat, cold mix. Cost - \$11,000

The Highway Department will be asking for an additional \$75,000 at the March, 1997 Town Meeting to continue the RSMS program for reconstruction.. In addition to this report, we are providing a list of road construction and repairs and their estimated costs for the FY 1997 (subject to change). We are also providing a list of roads planned for repairs in 1998 and 1999.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Employees and Taxpayers of New Durham for their continued support of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Fuller
Road Agent

ROAD SURFACE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RSMS)
1997

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Repair</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
2.02	Ham Road	Overlay	\$ 50,518
1.0	South Shore Road	Thick Shim	21,460
1.0	Kings Highway	Shim & Overlay	26,970
0.5	Birch Hill Road	Reclaim - Pave	29,301
0.5	Old Bay Road	Reclaim - Pave	<u>29,301</u>
5.02	Total		\$ 157,550
		Crack Sealing	
		Road Sealing	
		Miscellaneous	<u>10,696</u>
		TOTAL	\$ 168,246
		Highway Department Budget	- 20,000
		State Highway Block Grant	<u>- 73,246</u>
		Warrant Article	\$ 75,000

PROJECTED ROADS TO BE REPAIRED

<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
South Shore Road	South Shore Road
Kings Highway	Birch Hill Road
Birch Hill Road	North Shore Road
North Shore Road	Old Route 11
Old Bay Road	Ridge Road
	Old Bay Road

REPORT OF NEW DURHAM PARKS & RECREATION

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the residents of New Durham, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1996.

The past year was filled with a few new activities, as well as the continued success of many established ones. The holiday camp program, which attracted more than 60 town youths, was one of the most talked about new programs. Trips to a water park, bowling and roller skating were a great success. Our youth and adult athletic programs had another banner year. The soccer program had over 100 children participating and involved 10 coaches, their assistants and a number of other volunteers. Our fifth and sixth grade soccer team captured second place in the Suncook Valley League Tournament and our third and fourth grade All-Star team won first place in their tournament. Their basketball program attracted more than 120 town youths from grades K through 12, competing against other New Durham teams, as well as other town teams. The 7th and 8th grade team, as well as the 5th and 6th grade team, won third place in their annual end of the year tournament. Once again, the baseball/softball program drew the largest participation with over 180 children competing against other towns. The 12 and under All-Star team finished in second place in their tournament. The tremendous support of 35 coaches and other volunteers contributed to the success of the program. The new addition of the Babe Ruth field drew enormous raves and added to the excitement of the program.

Other successful recreational activities included co-ed volleyball, mens and womens basketball and aerobics. The Parks & Recreation Commission also gave support to annual community activities sponsored by the New Durham Athletic Association to raise funds to support recreation programs. Their major fund raisers included the Haunted House & Hayride and the Holiday Craft Fair.

The town beach continued to attract residents using the facility for swimming and relaxing. More than 100 children participated in the two week Red Cross swim program. Work is still being done to improve the parking at the town beach.

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank all of the volunteers and other residents who made this year the most exciting year ever. We would also like to thank the New Durham Athletic Association for their continued financial support and volunteer involvement, as well as the New Durham Highway Department led by Mark Fuller for their help on special projects. If any residents have any suggestions or comments, please contact me for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Neal
Parks & Recreation Director

REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

It has only been six months since I became chairman of the New Durham Planning Board. It has been somewhat of a challenge and a learning experience for me to follow Rodgers Smith in the position.

There will be some changes made in the coming year in the Town's land use regulations, some of which are in desperate need of updating. During the past year, the Planning Board began working with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission on these updates, which are anticipated to be completed in 1997.

Another goal for the coming year is to have the Master Plan updated and finalized. Pete Chaisson has volunteered many hours to this project -- thanks Pete!

The Planning Board was fairly active this year. The Board approved seven subdivision plans; three lot line adjustments, two site plan reviews and two excavation permit renewals.

Lastly, I would like to recognize Sandi Greenwood, Planning Board Clerk, who is doing a great job of keeping us organized. Sandi started working for the Town shortly before I became Chairman, and she is certainly an asset to the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda L. Fontaine
Chairman



REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the citizens of New Durham, the various organizations and those departments who assisted us throughout the year to keep our town safe.

While it remains my policy that our Officers strive for courteous interaction with citizens, it is equally important that they remain aggressive and alert in patrolling your community. During 1996, this policy was effective as many calls from concerned residents were received. These calls often resulted in the effective interdiction of criminal behavior. For this I thank you and ask that we continue to work together towards our common goal.

In 1996, we trained a new D. A. R. E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer who is currently teaching in the New Durham Central School. Officer David Hall came on board in March and assumed the duties of educating the students about drug awareness, choices and responsibilities, as well as other issues children will face as they proceed through life. Since the inception of the program, we have seen a continued improvement in our interaction with the youth, and thus a significant decline in malicious destruction and juvenile crime.

I thank you for your support and encourage your input as we work to improve your police services.



Respectfully submitted;

David M. Wheeler
Chief of Police

The following is a breakdown of police activity for 1996:

INCIDENTS:

Accidents	46	Alarms	47
Assist other Departments	53	Domestics	22
Disturbance calls	25	Fire Assists	13
General complaints	168	Medical assists	43
Police Service	41	Open door calls	5
Suspicious activity	23	E-911 hang-ups	25
Suspicious vehicles	10	Animal complaints	45
Motor vehicle complaints	33	Welfare checks	9

CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY:

Arson	2	Attempted Burglary	1
Burglary	13	Criminal Mischief	28
Criminal Trespass	10	Civil Complaints	22
Issuing Bad checks	9	Juvenile Cases	13
Thefts	23		

CRIME AGAINST PERSON:

Criminal Threatening	3	Missing Persons	
Harassment	11	Report	14
Resisting Arrest	2	Reckless Conduct	2
Simple Assault	11	Sexual Assault	2
Felony Assault	1	Stalking	1

ARRESTS:

Violations	17	Misdemeanors	49
Felonies	7	Motor Vehicle	
Motor Vehicle warnings	894	citations	189
Motor Vehicle Checkups			42



REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

It was a year of progress at the New Durham Library.

We welcomed 170 new registered borrowers this year. This adds to the nearly 6,000 visitors to our site this year, who borrowed over 7,000 items!!!

We added 1,000 new offerings to our collection. Many of these were obtained through the generosity of our patrons. Thank You! Of course, we continue to build the multimedia materials, as well as standard print items.

We began some much needed maintenance on the building itself. The trim was painted, and the back of the building prepared for more work. Rick Fogg donated many volunteer hours for this project. We plan to carry through with more improvements in 1997.

Another new endeavor is the flower garden by the Library entrance. Les Turner and Kate Buckley donated plants and energy, with funds provided by the Friends of the Library for needed materials and supplies. We are looking forward to seeing all the buds and blooms in the spring.

Community Room use tripled this year. You may also notice that there are new prints of some famous paintings in the room for your enjoyment. There is a Chess Club that meets weekly, all levels of players are invited. We are trying to encourage the community members to use the room for nonprofit functions.

It is with sorrow that we mourn the passing of Rachel Murray. She was one of the rocks our Library was built upon, and she will be greatly missed.

The children's programs continue, due mostly to the efforts of Assistant Roza Benoit and volunteer Tina Bernier. There were 20 children in the summer program, three of whom earned the prize of a large pizza, donated by Mama Rina's Restaurant. The fall program consisted of storytelling and crafts, and several brand new small patrons!!!

The Trustees bid a sad farewell to Marge Mohr, who served faithfully for many years. We will all miss her kind and gentle wisdom, as well as her expertise. We welcomed Kendra Sprague to the Board.

The members of the Board and Greg Sauer, Library Director, wish to thank the citizens of New Durham for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Library.

Respectfully submitted;

Monica S. Haley, Chairman

Linda Bates, Kendra Sprague, Holly Fogg, Patricia Meatty, Trustees

Greg Sauer, Library Director

NEW DURHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEES ACCOUNT - 1995**Financial Statement - January 1 to December 31, 1996**

Balance - January 1, 1996 \$ 8,223.63

RECEIPTS:

Fines & Fees	\$ 550.60	
Book Sales	343.85	
Donations	848.00	
Copier Income	282.60	
Interest Income	222.11	
Other	23.30	
Afghan (pre-orders)	680.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>474.74</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		\$ 3,194.03

EXPENSES:

Memberships	\$ 50.00	
Maintenance	250.00	
Flowers	480.00	
Afghan	1,015.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>150.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$ 1,945.00

BALANCE: \$ 9,472.66

Balances December 31, 1996:

Floral Fund Savings Account	\$ 937.89
NOW Account	2,465.54
Money Market Account	<u>6,069.23</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,472.66

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Bates, Treasurer
New Durham Library Trustees



REPORT OF THE NEW DURHAM RECYCLING COMMITTEE



To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of New Durham, I respectfully submit our annual report.

The Committee continued with their efforts to keep our Recycling Program as successful as in prior years and to keep up with changes as they occur. The Town of New Durham runs one of the most successful recycling programs in the State of New Hampshire. We continue to send out recyclable materials to reduce our tonnage. Each year we manage to increase this amount.

The income from the sale of recyclables this year was nearly \$5,000.00. This figure is down from last year because of the soft market for recyclables. However, this continues to reduce the need for trash removal expenditures which is good news for the taxpayer.

The Swap Shop was opened again this spring with the able assistance of Velma Royce. She runs a tidy and efficient operation there and it is quite a busy spot during the summer months.

The Sixth Annual "Dumpfest" was held on Sunday, September 8, 1996. A good time was had by all the hearty, brave souls that scorned the rain. Plenty of hot coffee, hot food and hot debates were served up as we hosted a wide variety of politicians stumping at our famous "dumpfest" for the primaries. Activities that were undercover seemed the most popular this year.

We presented the second annual Volunteer Award and the first Citizen of the Year Award to Leo and Rachel Murray, a couple who have given of themselves and their time unstintingly over the years so that New Durham could be a better place. A more loyal and giving couple would be hard to name. Thank you, Murrays.

We continue to attempt to keep the residents informed of the changes in recycling. It is difficult to keep up with them as they happen frequently. We would like to remind people that stickers are required on your vehicles and if you change vehicles, then bring in pieces of the old sticker and we will replace them with a new sticker.

If you have any questions, would like to serve on the Committee or volunteer for "Dumpfest '97", please call any member of the Committee. We would like to thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to another successful year in 1997.

Respectfully submitted;

Cheryl E. Cullimore
Chairman

RURAL DISTRICT VNA, Inc., REPORT

Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, (VNA) Inc., continues as a private, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licensed by the state in home health and hospice, and also licenses as a community clinic. Rural District VNA is accredited with Commendation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This recognition signifies exemplary performance in meeting national standards, and attests to the commitment Rural District VNA has to cost effective, quality care. This accreditation goes hand-in-hand with our Mission to provide high quality, compassionate, cost effective, home health, hospice and community health care services on an intermittent basis to all ages within our service area.

1995 has presented many new and some consistent challenges. The need for home care continues to grow, while reimbursement for services is as diverse as the number of payors. There are threats or promises to change, "health care reform" but essentially reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid remained unchanged, although the number utilizing Medicaid has sharply increased. Competition for the insured patient continues to increase from multiple directions, including increasing numbers of hospital affiliated agencies and for profit chains. Under managed care, insurances are paying less and limiting the number of visits.

Rural District VNA's Board has looked very thoroughly at our options as an Agency and at our service area. It is the belief of our Board that it is in the best interests of the communities and people we serve to remain as an independent agency, that actively seeks to network and affiliate to strengthen our position and ability to serve. Rural District VNA serves nine rural communities with residents choosing any one of seven or eight local hospitals to access in-patient care, we are working toward strengthening our relationships with these hospitals. We are continuing as a member of the Coalition of Strafford County Agencies, the Rural Home Health Network and the Home Care Association of New Hampshire.

Your town contributions are essential to meeting the many health needs in your community. Our commitment to all residents regardless of their insurance coverage reinforces the need for ongoing community support. As competition increases for the insured client referral, please keep in mind **you have a right to choose, ask for Rural District Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., by name.** We are proud to be meeting your health care needs since 1969 and are looking forward to working for you in the future.

Visit Statistics 1996

Nursing	900
Home Health Aide	265
Physical Therapy	207
Occupational Therapy	68
Medical Social Worker	56
Speech Therapy	23
Homemaker Hours	405
Influenza Shots (in home)	13
Influenza Shots (Clinics)	11

Board of Directors
Tammy Miller
James W. Grigg

Respectfully submitted;
Linda Hotchkiss, RN, MHSA
Executive Director

REPORT FROM THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY

The Solid Waste Facility waste oil site is now in full operation with only finishing touches such as hot top left to do. You can now drop off your waste oil from cars, boats, etc., to be recycled. No anti-freeze or hazardous waste please.

In 1996, we marketed 15 tons of magazines, 30 tons of cardboard, 20 tons of newspaper, four tons of aluminum, two tons of PET, one ton of HDPE, 34 tons of glass, 79 tons of scrap iron, eight tons of tires and 2,060 gallons of waste oil. What a great thing to be able to market this instead of burying it in the ground!

The year 1997 will see an addition to the recycling building for storage of recyclables. This will enable us to store like materials until we get an amount large enough to command top dollar.

Thanks again to the Highway Department and town mechanic, John Radcliffe, for all the assistance they provided.

Finally, I would like to thank Doug Filiatrault who became my part-time helper after Richie Clarke was injured in an accident. Thanks Richie, and I pray for your continued recovery.

Respectfully submitted;

Joseph E. Bloskey
Solid Waste Facility Manager

**STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION
COMMITTEE (CAP), INC.****NEW DURHAM SERVICES - 1996**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>
Fuel Assistance	52 households
Home Weatherization	2 homes
Commodity Foods	24 families
Emergency Response System	2 enrolled
Information & Referral	312 units
Emergency Energy Assistance/ 'New Hampshire Cares'	1 family
Utility Disconnection Protection/ 'Neighbor Helping Neighbor'	1 family
Home Rehabilitation	1 home
Summer Cooling Program	2 families

Value of goods and service provided to New Durham \$63,139

Town Appropriation in 1995 - \$750

New Durham's Representative to the Strafford County CAP

Joanne V. Heger

Respectfully submitted;
Richard Hayes
Executive Director

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1996

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		
BEGINNING OF YEAR:		
Property Taxes		\$ 821,771.80
TAXES COMMITTED		
THIS YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$ 3,651,249.00	
Land Use Change	4,250.00	
Yield Taxes	3,250.60	9,198.34
OVERPAYMENT:		
Property Taxes	72.10	105.50
INTEREST COLLECTED ON		
DELINQUENT TAX:	<u>2,973.79</u>	<u>39,126.27</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 3,661,795.49	\$870,201.91
REMITTED TO TREASURER		
DURING FISCAL YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$ 3,192,917.15	\$ 820,768.30
Land Use Change	4,250.00	
Yield Taxes	3,250.60	7,197.10
Interest	2,973.79	39,126.27
ABATEMENTS MADE:		
Property Taxes	705.00	1,109.00
Current Levy Deeded	222.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		
END OF YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$ 457,476.95	
Yield Taxes	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 2,001.24</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,661,795.49	\$ 870,201.91

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

For Year Ending December 31, 1996

TAX LIENS ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1995	1994	1993	Prior
Unredeemed Liens - Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$155,450.72	\$ 73,483.37	\$ 5,621.72*
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$150,911.18			
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>368.84</u>	<u>13,546.59</u>	<u>25,544.74</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$151,280.02	\$168,997.31	\$ 99,028.11	\$ 5,621.72*

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

Redemptions	\$ 16,875.14	\$ 100,737.66	\$73,256.98	\$
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	368.84	13,546.59	25,544.74	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	584.21	184.52		
Liens Deeded to Town	284.19	441.75	226.39	
Unredeemed Liens - Balance End of Year	<u>133,167.64</u>	<u>54,086.79</u>	<u> </u>	<u>5,621.72</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 151,280.02	\$168,997.31	\$ 99,028.11	\$ 5,621.72

* - Unredeemed Liens in Bankruptcy (1990 & 1991)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary V. Fuller, Tax Collector
January 16, 1997

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**1997 TOWN MEETING WARRANT
& BUDGET**

**COPPLE CROWN VILLAGE
DISTRICT BUDGET FOR 1998**

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Durham in the County of Strafford, in said State qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Durham Library/Resource Center on Tuesday, the eleventh (11th) day of March, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following: *(Polls will close no earlier than 7:00 PM)*

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To vote upon the following question: "Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?" (By Official Ballot) (By Petition)

And you are hereby further notified to meet at the New Durham School on Wednesday, the twelfth (12th) day of March, next at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300,000 (One million, three hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of reconstructing the Owl's Head section of South Shore Road, and to authorize the issuance of \$1,300,000 (One million, three hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (By Ballot) *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to establish a procedure for recall elections for elected officials of the Town. Said procedure shall require the signatures of at least 100 registered voters on a legal petition calling for such a recall election. Upon receipt of such a petition, the Town officials responsible for proper elections shall immediately organize an election to take place within 30 days. During the first seven of those 30 days, the Town Clerk shall accept filings by candidates for the office described in the petition. Within 23 days of the closure of the filing period, the Town officials responsible for proper elections shall conduct a balloting, and the winner of this election shall immediately take office, serving until the next regular election for that office. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to stipulate that any violation of New Hampshire RSA 91-A, as proven in New Hampshire Superior Court on or after March 11, 1997, shall be considered "just cause" for immediate dismissal without benefits from any elected, appointed or salaried position within the town government. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the position of Town Administrator, and replace this position with an Administrative Assistant to work part-time during daily business hours, Monday through Friday, up to 24 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour, and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$13,728.00 annual salary, no benefits included. Said position of Administrative Assistant to be pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 41:2 and in accordance with job description guidelines as set forth in the Town Official's Handbook by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Said position to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at annual Town Meeting. (By Petition) *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee do not recommend this article)*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the appointment of the Road Agent by the Board of Selectmen and return to direct election of the Road Agent by the citizens of New Durham, beginning on Town Office Election Day 1998. The election of the Road Agent shall be for a term of two years. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the appointment of members of the Budget Committee by the Town Moderator, and hold elections for Budget Committee members, for two year terms in the year that each appointment expires, beginning on Town Office Election Day 1998. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the previous vote on Article 15 at the 1996 annual Town Meeting which organized the New Durham Fire Department, in accordance with RSA 154:1 (a), which organization will have the Fire Chief continue to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen with the fire fighters appointed by the Fire Chief. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to recognize and approve the organization of the New Durham Fire Department, in accordance with RSA 154:1, III, which organization will have the Fire Chief elected by the fire fighters for a four year term, to begin the third Monday of March, 1997, with the fire fighters appointed by the Fire Chief. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to not authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums as may be necessary to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, without permission from the registered voters of this town. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for improvements on Merrymeeting Road under the State Aid Reconstruction Program provided the State of New Hampshire appropriates \$20,000 for this purpose. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Used Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created in 1996. Said funds totaling \$20,000 as of December 31, 1996, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Highway Department Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be added to the Assessing Software Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Wood Chipper Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Of the \$3,000, \$1,500 will come from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 1996 and the remainder will come from general taxation. The total appropriation is expected to approximate the amounts raised as revenue from the 1996 and 1997 DumpFests. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be added to the Computer Maintenance Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of maintaining the Town Office computer equipment. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be added to the Conservation Land Fund previously established for the purpose of acquiring conservation property. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Uncared for Old Graveyard Trust Fund previously established for maintenance & restoration of Old Graveyards. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Accrued Benefit Liability Fund Expendable Trust Fund previously established. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$141,974 for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of town-maintained roads. Of the \$141,974, \$66,974 will be received through State Highway Block Grant Aid from the State of New Hampshire, and the balance of \$75,000 would be raised by taxation. *(The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation)* BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescision of such authority, the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose. Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at more than \$5,000, the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. No acceptance of any personal property under the authority of this article shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property taxes in the Town of New Durham based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up

to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (By Ballot) BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selection of the Tax Collector from elective to one of being appointed by the Board of Selectmen. In accordance with RSA 669:17-b, if this article is adopted it will become effective as of the date of the March, 1998 Town Meeting, and the present elected Tax Collector will stay in office until that date. BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate the sum of \$1,469,675 to defray the general expenses for general government operations. (*The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation*) BY SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 28. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

M. Dean Stimpson, Chairman
Joanne V. Heger, Selectman
Frederic W. March, Selectman
NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

M. Dean Stimpson, Chairman
Joanne V. Heger, Selectman
Frederic W. March, Selectman
NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1997 TOWN MEETING WARRANT & BUDGET

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION**

61 So. Spring St., P.O. Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397

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BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF NEW DURHAM N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 or
for Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink.)

Date 2/11/97

<u>Arthur W. Hume</u>	<u>Phillip J. Kenney</u>
<u>Bryan L. Fontaine</u>	
<u>Donna Weston</u>	
<u>David Shogren</u>	
<u>James V. Hegan</u>	

(Revised 1996)

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TOWN OF NEW DURHAM

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139 Executive			\$ 122,921	\$ 110,305	\$ 128,304		\$ 128,304	
4140-4149 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics			7,020	5,433	3,128		3,128	
4150-4151 Financial Administration								
4152 Revaluation of Property			13,400	12,781	12,800		12,800	
4153 Legal Expense			10,500	44,458	13,200		13,200	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration			147,763	118,789	157,078		157,078	
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning			15,860	14,368	15,600		15,600	
4194 General Government Buildings			32,064	33,344	26,336		26,336	
4195 Cemeteries			4,835	4,153	6,060		6,060	
4196 Insurance			69,765	70,991	75,210		75,210	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.								
4199 Other General Government			17,964	14,740	10,090		10,090	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214 Police			164,985	159,353	171,221		171,221	
4215-4219 Ambulance								
4220-4229 Fire			59,144	54,797	65,194		65,194	
4240-4249 Building Inspection			7,150	2,808	7,325		7,325	
4290-4298 Emergency Management			1,100	50	1,100		1,100	
4299 Other Public Safety (including Communications)			4,220	3,341	4,220		4,220	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets			274,943	277,151	286,022		286,022	
4313 Bridges								
4316-4319 Street Lighting & Other			79,540	78,212	83,110		83,110	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection							
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		112,270	104,185	118,191		118,191	
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Administration & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Administration & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH							
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control		6,884	5,308	6,450		6,450	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		3,743	3,743	3,776		3,776	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		40,055	37,566	37,730		37,730	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		41,825	41,330	44,120		44,120	
4550-4559	Library		34,670	34,322	37,286		37,286	

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund			59,000	59,000	62,500		62,500	
4916 To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)			3,500	3,500	6,000		6,000	
4917 To Health Maintenance Trust Fund								
4918 To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919 To Agency Funds								
SUBTOTAL 1			1,772,931	1,731,211	1,689,150		1,689,150	

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.

Acct No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Owl's Head Project				1,300,000		1,300,000	

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		15,000	10,000	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes (Boat Tax)		2,000		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		50,000	85,000	65,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,308	3,308	3,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		160,000	165,000	200,000
3230	Building Permits		4,000	6,500	6,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	6,000	6,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		1,500		3,500
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		26,687	26,496	26,496
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		66,974	66,974	73,246
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		4,220	4,220	3,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				3,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		12,000	19,000	17,000
3409	Other Charges		9,500	9,500	10,900
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		25,000	16,000	5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		15,000	17,000	15,000
3503-3509	Other		56,654	51,000	22,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds		18,460	18,460	12,550

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3912 Special Revenue Funds					
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913	Capital Projects Fund		179,150	179,150	20,000
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund				
3916	Trust & Agency Funds		10,000	10,000	
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes				1,300,000
	Amounts Voted From "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXXX		1,500
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	200,000	XXXXXXXXXX
TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 668,645	\$ 899,608	175,000

\$ 1,978,192

BUDGET SUMMARY SELECTMEN BUDGET COMMITTEE

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 4)	\$ 1,689,150	\$ 1,689,150
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)		
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	1,300,000	1,300,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$ 2,989,150	\$ 2,989,150
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	1,978,192	1,978,192
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	\$ 1,011,000	\$ 1,011,000

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount		Acct.No.	W.A. No.	Amount

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

MS-37

61 So. Spring St., P.O. Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
(603) 271-3397



BUDGET FORM FOR VILLAGE DISTRICTS

WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 24

Village District of: Copple Crown

In the Town of: New Durham And County of: Strafford

Mailing Address: Copple Crown Village District

P.O. Box 831

Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Phone Number: 569-6965 Date of Annual/Special Meeting

1. Please read the new RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities. It requires this budget be prepared on a "gross" basis showing all revenues and appropriations. At least one public hearing must be held on this budget.
2. This budget must be posted with the Village District warrant not later than the fifteenth day before the day of the meeting.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the village district clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink.) Date

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Harr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DBA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONERS' APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	2,200.00			
4150-4152	Financial Administration							
4153	Legal Expense							
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4194	General Government Buildings							
4196	Insurance				2,100.00			
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government Misc.				1,200.00			
PUBLIC SAFETY					XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX				
4215-4219	Ambulance							
4220-4229	Fire							
4290-4298	Emergency Management							
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)							
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311-4312	Admin. & Highways & Streets		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	3,500.00			
4313	Bridges							
4316	Street Lighting							
4319	Other Highway, Streets & Bridges				2,000.00			
SANITATION					XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal							
4325	Solid Waste Clean-Up							

Year 1998

Budget for the Village District of

Copple Crown

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TOWN OF NEW DURHAM

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31-4)	Varr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONERS' APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4326	Sevage Collection & Disposal							
4329	Other Sanitation							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332	Admin. & Water Services				5,000.00			
4335	Water Treatment							
4338-4339	Other Water Electricity				7,000.00			
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411-4414	Admin. & Pest Control							
4419	Other Health							
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation				500.00			
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes				10,000.00			
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				4,285.00			
4723	Interest on TANs							
4790	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land & Improvements							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Funds							

Year	Budget for the Village District of Coppie Crown	MS-37
1998		

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed on the following page.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (NSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONERS' APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES							
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended					XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	COMMISSIONERS' APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES							
	SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	37,785.00
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant article Recommended (from page 3)	
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles Recommended (from above)	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	37,785.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	7,560.00
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised For Village District	30,225.00

ELPI! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

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1997 TOWN MEETING WARRANT & BUDGET

year 1998 Budget for the Village District of Copple Crown MS-37

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes				
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3311-3319	Other Federal Grants & Reimbursements				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues				
3354	Water Pollution Grants				
3359	Other				
	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401	Income from Departments				
3402	Water Supply System Charges				3,720.00
3403	Sewer User Charges				
3404	Garbage - Refuse Charges				
3409	Other Charges AntennaeRental				3,840.00
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Village District Property				
3502	Interest on Investments				
3503-3509	Other				
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Fund				
3914	From Proprietary Fund				
3915	From Capital Reserve Fund				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXXX		
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
	TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS				7,560.00

- NOTES -

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996
TOWN OF NEW DURHAM GENERAL FUND**

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance January 1, 1996	\$ 278,851.60
Void Checks.	2,674.88
Earned Interest.	24,068.06
Received during 1996	<u>5,574,112.06</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,879,706.60

PAYMENTS

Accounts Payable per Selectmen's orders	\$ 4,902,976.26
Payroll per Selectmen's orders	430,180.26
Checks return to Bank	<u>227.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,133,383.52

Balance on hand December 31, 1996	\$ 746,323.08
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MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS -- 1996

Conservation Fund	
Balance as of 1/1/96	\$17,331.34
Deposits	\$1,500.00
Interest	\$619.37
Paid Out	00.00
Balance as of 12/31/96	\$19,450.71

New Durham Ambulance Special Revenue Fund	
Balance as of 1/1/96	\$12,877.14
Deposits	\$11,761.85
Interest	\$939.19
Paid Out	\$18,460.00
Balance as of 12/31/96	\$7,118.18

Respectfully submitted;

James W. Wheeler
Treasurer

The financial reports for 1996 had not been completely audited by the Town Auditors at the time the Town Report went to press.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY, 1996**

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Titles & Transfers	\$ 77,384.00
Dog & Kennel Licenses Issued	2,378.50
UCC Filings & Copies	397.00
Filing Fees for Town Officers- 7 @ \$1.00 each	7.00
Vital Statistic Fees	157.00
Federal Tax Liens	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$ 80,368.50
PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 80,368.50

Respectfully submitted,
Mary V. Fuller, Town Clerk - *Resigned*
Elaine R. Stimpson, Acting Town Clerk
Holly L. Wheeler, Town Clerk - *Resigned*

FOR THE PERIOD JUNE - DECEMBER, 1996

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Titles & Transfers	\$111,291.00
Dog & Kennel Licenses Issued	768.50
Dog Penalties	85.00
UCC Filings & Copies	584.50
Filing Fees for Town Officers- 1 @ \$2.00 each	2.00
Vital Statistic Fees	602.00
Federal Tax Liens	180.00
Pole & Cable Permit Fee	10.00
Wetlands Application Fees	30.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.50
Interest Income	<u>18.78</u>
Total	\$ 113,572.28
PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$ 113,572.28

Respectfully submitted,
Carole M. Ingham
Town Clerk

TOTAL PAID TO TOWN TREASURER \$ 193,940.28

NEW DURHAM TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The following is a progress report of several historical projects being pursued under the offices of the Town Historian with a combination of town and private funds.

THE 1772 TOWN MEETING HOUSE RECONSTRUCTION

Reconstruction of the exterior of the 1772 Meeting House, Old Bay Road, is nearly complete. Ernie Vachon, master carpenter, with help from two other volunteers, installed the final window, trim and corner boards and the large double doors were cased in at the rear of the building this fall. Applying the remainder of the clapboards will bring this ambitious project to a close this spring.



NEW DURHAM MEETING HOUSE 1772 - 1996

The 1772 Town Meeting House and stonewall after restoration efforts.

(Photo by Eloise Bickford)

Steps were also added in 1996, when Walter Mains and George Bickford placed the remnants of an old grist mill stone at the front door. The pieces were found in the Downing Pond dam when it was rebuilt; they make an attractive entrance while displaying a town historic artifact.

The Historical Society once again made the building headquarters for their House and Garden tour in July. The interior of the meeting house held a display of pictures of New Durham in the "old days". Flowering plants dressed up the front of the building courtesy of Les Turner's Merrymeeting Garden Center.

MEETING HOUSE PARK

Six acres surrounding the Meeting House were designated as a Town park by the Selectmen and most of the action centered here this year. A committee was appointed to plan and maintain the park, and they have made great strides in improving the area with assistance from volunteers and the Town highway crew.

Michael Haley, one of our first members, resigned in 1996, and Dennis Gagne filled the position. Other members are Susan Pillsbury, Eileen Thomas, Lorna Hardy and Eloise Bickford.

Walter Mains of Ela Mill Road has done an astonishing amount of work reclaiming the stone walls along both sides of the town house. He not only rebuilt the walls, but also removed brush and rocks on either side focusing attention on the granite walls that frame the Meeting House. He will work on the walls of the early cemetery behind the Meeting House next year.

Dennis Gagne has been a whirlwind this year too, using a brush saw to clean out the brush between the cemetery and the Meeting House which reveals a small vernal pond teeming with critters in the spring. "Great for the kids," says Gagne, who has other plans for future trails and outlooks throughout the park. Both gentlemen have freely given their time, labor and sweat to the projects.

Peter Langevin, David Watson and Michael Clark of the town highway crew have aided and abetted this transformation by cutting some of the large dead trees and cleaning up debris from the cutting and much that had collected over the years.

Plans for next summer are to have the pieces of granite on site cut and made into benches to be placed around the area to supply a spot to rest and enjoy this attractive woodland setting.

HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

In 1996, New Durham Town Reports from 1900 to 1966 have been bound to protect the reports, while making them more accessible to the public. It is planned to rebind the next thirty year sequence in 1997. Another project accomplished was to frame several important historical pictures of the Town to protect the images and allow them to be displayed.

Supplying genealogy information for people searching for their ancestors is still an ongoing service provided in the Historical Collection in the library. The New Durham Marriage Records have had material added this year, and the obituary binder has been refurbished and is back on the shelf.

Thanks to the late Rachel Murray and husband Leo, New Durham news has been clipped from four New Hampshire newspapers for reference. There is one set available to the public in the library, and a permanent

collection in the vault at the Town Hall. True to their volunteer spirit, Mr. Murray is continuing this important work for the archive collection on his own.

New Durham school children also make good use of the historical photograph copies and information about the town gathered and stored in the file in the Historical Collection, while searching for information about New Durham for school projects.

NEW DURHAM OLD GRAVEYARD PROJECT

Very little was done on the old graveyards during the year. All but one of the located graveyards needing restoration have been done over the past 15 years. The remaining cemetery is a jewel, containing beautifully carved head stones of marble slate and granite adorned with drooping, weeping willow designs. All are surrounded with a fence of granite posts and iron rods. It is known as the Jonathan Hayes graveyard, located in the woods on the side of a hill above Pine Grove road on Birch Hill.

Unfortunately, the fence has been badly damaged from downed trees, but the last time seen, the stones could be rescued if the trees are removed. Anyone who would like to work on this project is welcome to call the Town Historian at 859-6881 for further information.

In the spring, the school children will be planting flowers on veterans' graves and learning about the veterans buried in a few of the restored old graveyards close to the town center.



Respectfully submitted;

Eloise Bickford
Town Historian

*Walter Mains of Ela Mill Road building
stone walls at the Town Meeting House.
(Photo by Eloise Bickford)*

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of New Durham:

I respectfully submit my annual report as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

During the past year, the board heard eight applications for variances and one of these was denied. There were two applications for special exceptions and both were granted after being heard jointly by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

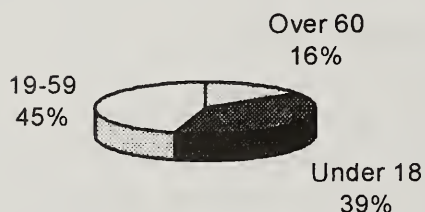
One appeal from an administrative decision was brought before the Board and it was ultimately denied. There were no requests for property boundary line adjustments.

Respectfully submitted;
James M. Eaton
Chairman

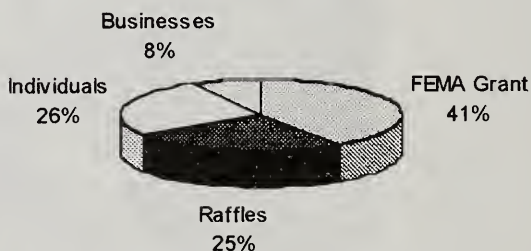
NEW DURHAM FOOD PANTRY

Government records indicated that 18 units, consisting of 217 individuals, utilized the New Durham Food Pantry in 1996. Of these 217 individuals, 34 were over the age of 60, while 84 were infants and children under the age of 18. Additionally, many others used the Food Pantry, but were not part of the record-keeping process.

1996 USDA FOOD



FOOD PANTRY INCOME GRAPH



In addition to 3,000 pounds of U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food, drives by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, the New Durham School and the New Durham Post Office were a great source of food, while an \$800 Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant and donations by individuals and businesses totaling \$1,100 were used to further stock the shelves.

Please help the Food Pantry to feed more New Durham residents. We always need donations of food and money so that tax dollars do not have to be used to fund this operation.

REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

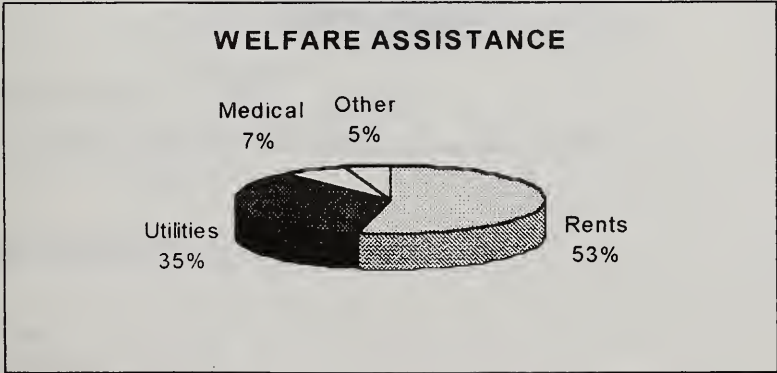
The Town of New Durham continues to strive to fulfill its mandated obligation to provide the basic necessities of food, shelter, utilities and medical needs in a crisis situation as emergency aid or on a short-term basis until other assistance becomes available, or until the recipient's financial status improves.

When the federal and state welfare reform programs are implemented, and a recipient of either a state or federal program receives word that his or her aid is either reduced or eliminated, the Town will experience increased welfare costs because of this downshifting of financial responsibility. It has been estimated that the state and federal programs will be reduced by twenty percent . . . or \$75,000.00.

Those deemed ineligible for Town assistance can be helped, in many instances, by the John C. Shirley Charitable Trust, which is administered by this department and managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

The New Durham Food Pantry received approximately 3,000 pounds of government surplus foods and many donations in the form of food and money from many local businesses and organizations, as well as an ever increasing number of citizens. The food drives by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies, the New Durham School and the New Durham Post Office replenished the shelves, and New Durham's own Camp Maranatha always keeps the freezers full of bread. The Food Pantry was again a recipient of a FEMA grant through the Seacoast United Way, which Betsy Booth, Food Pantry Coordinator, judiciously used to keep the pantry stocked. Your continued support of the voting day raffles enabled the Pantry to continue to be self-supporting.

Please remember that Town aid is available for those who qualify, and while the application process itself might seem excessive, it is necessary to insure proper distribution of funds. It is completely confidential, and I try to make the process as painless as possible. Please call or come to the office if you are having difficulty paying rental, mortgage, utility or medical bills. More often than not, the Town can help you or I can direct you to another source of aid.



Town served	41 individuals and/or household units
Of 41 individuals/units	23 are current clients
	12 have moved out of town
	6 further aid is not contemplated
Town spent (+/-)	\$11,484 for utilities*
	\$ 2,178 for medical
	\$17,343 for shelter**
	\$ 1,533 for miscellaneous

**** Town Tax Collector received \$1,300.00 to be credited to landlords' overdue tax bills. Rents paid to out-of-town landlords was \$1,905.00.**

[illegible]

Sandra T. Grigg
Overseer of Public Welfare

Tax Rate Calculation - 1996

	Property Taxes	Tax Rate
<u>Town Portion</u>		
Appropriations	\$1,770,281	
Less: Revenues	(899,608)	
Less: Shared Revenues	(8,645)	
Add: Overlay	29,105	
Add: War Service Credits	<u>15,800</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$ 906,933	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$ 6.75
<u>School Portion</u>		
Due to School District	\$2,417,516	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(21,288)</u>	
Approved School Tax Effort	\$2,396,228	
School Tax Rate		\$ 17.83
<u>County Portion</u>		
Due to County	\$ 333,647	
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(2,568)</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort	\$ 331,079	
County Tax Rate		<u>\$ 2.46</u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$3,634,240	
Combined Tax Rate		<u>\$ 27.04</u>
<u>Copple Crown Portion</u>		
Net Appropriation	<u>\$ 32,807</u>	
Approved Village District Tax Effort	\$ 32,809	
Village District Tax Rate		<u>\$ 11.32</u>
Combined Tax Rate Within Village District		\$38.36

INVENTORY OF VALUATION TAX YEAR 1996

Taxable Land	\$ 69,469,579	
Taxable Buildings	61,402,200	
Mobile Homes	2,157,900	
Electric Utilities	<u>1,612,700</u>	
Valuations Before Exemptions		\$ 134,642,379
Exemptions Allowed:		
Less Blind Exemption (1)	\$ 15,000	
Elderly Exemptions (16)	<u>225,000</u>	
Total Exemptions		\$ - 240,000
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed: \$ 134,402,379		

TAX RATE FOR 1996

Town	\$ 6.75
County	2.46
Schools	<u>17.83</u>
	\$27.04

Copple Crown \$11.32

Equalization Ratio for 1995: 99%

Proof of Rate - 1996

<u>Net Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
\$134,402,379	\$27.04	\$3,634,240

TEN-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
1996	17.83	6.75	2.46	27.04
1995	18.45	5.90	2.65	27.00
1994	15.91	6.00	2.43	24.34
1993	15.02	5.82	2.45	23.29
1992	14.71	5.86	2.38	22.95
1991	12.24	5.88	2.02	20.14
1990	11.03	5.30	1.80	18.13
1989	9.00	4.10	1.70	14.80
1988*	7.36	3.79	1.27	12.42
1987	19.37	11.27	4.21	34.85

** Reflects property revaluation*

NET VALUATIONS 1986 - 1996

<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuations</u>
1986	\$ 44,860,840
1987	46,606,430
1988	168,964,136*
1989	177,897,981
1990	181,787,543
1991	174,140,844
1992	151,845,824
1993	150,263,531
1994	149,470,516
1995	132,961,800
1996	134,402,379

** Reflects property revaluation*

BOND SCHEDULE

Bond Principal and Interest Payment Schedules

Serial Note held by Farmington National Bank

Issue Date of October 13, 1992

\$100,000 Five Year Serial Note - Downing Pond Dam at 5.0% P.A.

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Total Annual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4/13/97		550.00		22,000.00
10/13/97	22,000.00	550.00	23,100.00	0.00

Serial Note held by First National Bank of Portsmouth

Issue Date of April 15, 1994

\$130,000 Seven Year Serial Note - Town Beach Bond at 5.42% P.A.

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Total Annual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
7/15/97	7,000.00	3,651.74		109,000.00
12/15/97		2,476.42	13,128.16	109,000.00
7/15/98	29,000.00	3,431.38		80,000.00
12/15/98		1,817.56	34,248.94	80,000.00
7/15/99	29,000.00	2,518.44		51,000.00
12/15/99		1,158.69	32,677.13	51,000.00
7/15/2000	29,000.00	1,613.08		22,000.00
12/15/2000		499.83	31,112.91	22,000.00
7/15/2001	22,000.00	692.57	22,692.57	0.00

Totals on both Long-Term Notes reflect Total Amount Borrowed & Interest

MUNICIPAL LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Town Ambulance

Agreement held by Peoples National Bank of Mora, MN

Issue Date of April 15, 1996

\$53,000 Five Year Agreement - Lease Rate Factor .019565

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Purchase Option</u>
1/15/97	\$ 770.00	\$ 275.58	\$1,045.82	\$47,206.61
2/15/97	774.96	270.86	1,045.82	46,318.15
3/15/97	779.72	266.10	1,045.82	45,426.72
4/15/97	784.50	261.32	1,045.82	44,532.32
5/15/97	789.32	256.50	1,045.82	43,634.95
6/15/97	794.16	251.66	1,045.82	42,734.58
7/15/97	799.03	246.79	1,045.82	41,831.20
8/15/97	803.94	499.83	1,045.82	40,924.82
9/15/97	808.87	236.95	1,045.82	40,015.42
10/15/97	813.83	231.99	1,045.82	39,102.98
11/15/97	818.83	226.99	1,045.82	38,187.51
12/15/97	823.85	221.97	1,045.82	37,268.98
1/15/98	828.91	216.91	1,045.82	36,347.39
2/15/98	833.99	211.83	1,045.82	35,422.72
3/15/98	839.11	206.71	1,045.82	34,494.98
4/15/98	844.26	201.56	1,045.82	33,564.14
5/15/98	849.44	196.38	1,045.82	32,630.20
6/15/98	854.65	191.17	1,045.82	31,693.15
7/15/98	859.89	185.93	1,045.82	30,752.98
8/15/98	865.17	180.65	1,045.82	29,809.67
9/15/98	870.48	175.34	1,045.82	28,863.21
10/15/98	875.82	170.00	1,045.82	27,913.60
11/15/98	881.19	164.63	1,045.82	26,960.83
12/15/98	886.60	159.22	1,045.82	26,004.88
1/15/99	892.04	153.78	1,045.82	25,045.74
2/15/99	897.51	148.31	1,045.82	24,083.41
3/15/99	903.02	142.80	1,045.82	23,117.86
4/15/99	908.56	137.26	1,045.82	22,149.10
5/15/99	914.14	131.68	1,045.82	21,177.11
6/15/99	919.75	126.07	1,045.82	20,201.88
7/15/99	925.39	120.43	1,045.82	19,223.40
8/15/99	931.07	114.75	1,045.82	18,241.66
9/15/99	936.78	109.04	1,045.82	17,256.65
10/15/99	942.53	103.29	1,045.82	16,268.35

MUNICIPAL LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Town Ambulance

Agreement held by Peoples National Bank of Mora, MN

Issue Date of April 15, 1996

\$53,000 Five Year Agreement - Lease Rate Factor .019565

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest Payment</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Purchase Option</u>
11/15/99	948.31	97.51	1,045.82	15,276.76
12/15/99	954.13	91.69	1,045.82	14,281.86
1/15/2000	959.98	85.84	1,045.82	13,283.65
2/15/2000	965.87	79.95	1,045.82	12,282.10
3/15/2000	971.80	74.02	1,045.82	11,277.22
4/15/2000	977.76	68.06	1,045.82	10,269.00
5/15/2000	983.76	62.06	1,045.82	9,257.41
6/15/2000	989.80	56.02	1,045.82	8,242.44
7/15/2000	995.87	49.95	1,045.82	7,224.10
8/15/2000	1,001.98	43.84	1,045.82	6,202.36
9/15/2000	1,008.13	37.69	1,045.82	5,177.21
10/15/2000	1,014.32	31.50	1,045.82	4,148.65
11/15/2000	1,020.54	25.28	1,045.82	3,116.66
12/15/2000	1,026.80	19.02	1,045.82	2,081.23
1/15/2001	1,033.10	12.72	1,045.82	1,042.35
2/15/2001	1,039.44	6.38	1,045.82	0.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

<u>MAP / LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
9 - 71	Town Hall & Land	\$ 294,700
	Furniture and equipment	100,000
9 - 86	New Durham Public Library	
	& Land	204,800
	Furniture and equipment	201,250
	Police Department equipment	100,000
9 - 71	Fire Station & Land	169,500
	Equipment	350,000
7 - 5	Highway Department Garage	
	& Land	182,800
	Equipment	686,500
8 - 8A	Cemetery	18,600
9 - 61	Ballfield	36,200
17 - 24	Old Dump Lot-Merrymeeting Rd	19,800
10 - 38	Old Dump Lot-Brackett Rd R/S	56,400
17 - 5	Old Dump Lot-Brackett Rd L/S	27,500
	Transfer Station/Landfill Equip.	49,000
29 - 400	Land, Merrymeeting Lake,	
	South Shore (Spring)	11,300
9 - 84	Water Hole, Birch Hill Road	2,600
15A - 90	Dam & Gate House, March Pond	1,400
7 - 20	Land & Bldg., Old Bay Road	
	(Town Pound & Town House)	28,800
	Dam, Downing Pond	125,000
28 - 1	Town Beach, South Shore Road	120,400
28 - 6	Town Beach Parking Area, South Shore Rd.	12,900
39 - 14D	Land, North Shore (Fletcher Lot)	<u>2,600</u>
TOTAL TOWN PROPERTY		\$ 2,802,050

CONSERVATION LANDS

8 - 7 & 8	Shirley Forest Lot	246,800
7A - 2	Land, Drew Road	31,000
7A - 20	Land, Drew Road	<u>28,900</u>
TOTAL CONSERVATION LANDS		\$ 306,700

**LAND & BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THROUGH
TAX COLLECTOR'S DEEDS**

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
15A - 21	Land, Chaulk Pond	\$ 8,200
26A - 2	Land, Kings Highway	2,100
27A - 2, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	20,900
27A - 4A, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	1,200
27A - 14, Sec. 3	Land, Copple Crown Development	3,600
27A - 17, Sec. 3	Land, Copple Crown Development	3,400
27A - 23, Sec. 2	Land, Copple Crown Development	<u>13,500</u>
TOTAL LAND & BUILDINGS ACQUIRED		\$ 52,900

TOTAL VALUE OF INVENTORY OF
TOWN PROPERTY: \$ 3,161,650

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

(Over)
Under
Budget

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	
<u>General Government</u>			
4130 - Executive	\$ 122,921	\$ 110,304	\$ 12,617
4140 - Elections & Registrations	7,020	5,434	1,586
4152 - Revaluation of Property	13,400	12,781	619
4153 - Legal Expenses	10,500	43,942	(33,442)
4155 - Personnel Administration	147,763	118,734	29,029
4191 - Planning Board & Zoning	15,860	13,794	2,066
4194 - General Government Bldgs.	32,064	33,345	(1,281)
4195 - Cemetery	4,335	4,153	182
Uncared for Cemetery	500	-0-	500
4196 - Insurance	69,765	70,990	(1,225)
4199 - Other General Government	<u>17,964</u>	<u>14,740</u>	<u>3,224</u>
Total: General Government	\$ 442,092	\$ 428,216	\$ 13,876
<u>Public Safety</u>			
4210 - Police	\$ 164,985	\$ 159,355	\$ 5,630
4220 - Fire	59,944	53,499	6,445
4240 - Building Inspection	7,150	2,807	4,343
4299 - Other Public Safety	2,720	2,177	543
4290 - Emergency Management	<u>1,100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1,050</u>
TOTAL: Public Safety	\$ 235,899	\$ 217,888	\$ 18,011
<u>Highways and Streets</u>			
4312 - Highways & Streets	\$ 274,943	\$ 275,426	\$ (483)
4316 - Street Lights	6,300	5,842	455
4319 - Equipment Mechanic	<u>73,240</u>	<u>72,369</u>	<u>871</u>
TOTAL: Highways and Streets	\$ 354,483	\$ 353,637	\$ 843
<u>Sanitation</u>			
4324 - Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 110,878	\$ 101,679	\$ 9,191
4325 - Recycling Committee	<u>1,400</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>1,183</u>
TOTAL: Sanitation	\$ 112,270	\$ 101,896	\$ 10,374
<u>Health</u>			
4411 - Health Officer	\$ 3,284	\$ 2,504	\$ 780
4414 - Pest Control (ACO)	3,600	3,102	499
4415 - Health Agencies/CAP	<u>3,743</u>	<u>3,743</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL: Health	\$ 10,627	\$ 9,348	\$ 1,279
<u>Welfare</u>			
4442 - Direct Assistance	<u>\$ 40,055</u>	<u>\$ 37,566</u>	<u>\$ 2,489</u>
TOTAL: Welfare	\$ 40,055	\$ 37,566	\$ 2,489

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	(Over) Under <u>Budget</u>
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
4520 - Parks and Recreation	\$ 41,825	\$ 41,330	\$ 495
4550 - Library	34,670	34,270	400
4583 - Patriotic Purposes	<u>200</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>65</u>
TOTAL: Culture and Recreation	\$ 76,695	\$ 75,735	\$ 960
<u>Conservation</u>			
4612 - Conservation Commission	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,896	\$ 354
TOTAL: Conservation	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,896	\$ 354
<u>Debt Service</u>			
4711 - Principle on Bonds	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 0
4721 - Interest on Bonds	8,726	11,649	(2,923)
4723 - Interest on TAN	<u>17,000</u>	<u>18,590</u>	<u>(1,590)</u>
TOTAL: Debt Service	\$ 54,726	\$ 59,239	\$ (4,513)
<u>Capital Outlay</u>			
4901 - Birch Hill Road Project	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 0
4901 - Owls Head Project	15,000	15,000	0
4901 - Old Town House Park	0	400	(400)
4901 - Road Reconstruction/Paving	141,974	141,974	0
4901 - Merrymeeting Road SAR	10,000	10,000	0
4902 - Library Copier	1,500	1,500	0
4902 - Computer System	4,400	4,400	0
4902 - Oil Filter Crusher	3,300	3,295	5
4902 - Highway Department Truck	73,000	72,684	316
4902 - Ambulance	28,460	31,124	(2,664)
4903 - Town Meeting House	2,000	641	1,359
4903 - Shop Exhaust Blower	5,000	4,895	105
4903 - Fire Safety - Town Hall	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL: Capital Outlay	\$ 380,634	\$ 375,913	\$ 4,721
<u>Operating Transfers Out</u>			
4915 - Highway Truck CRF	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
4915 - Highway Loader CRF	15,000	15,000	0
4915 - Used Highway Truck CRF	20,000	20,000	0
4915 - Assessing Software CRF	4,000	4,000	0
4916 - Uncared for Graveyards	1,000	1,000	0
4916 - Computer Maintenance	1,500	1,500	0
4916 - Accrued Benefit Liability	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL: Operating Transfer Out	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 0
TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	\$1,772,231	\$1,723,834	\$ 48,397

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

EXECUTIVE:

M. Dean Stimpson, Chairman, Board of Selectmen.....	\$1,500.00
Joanne V. Heger, Selectman.....	1,000.00
Frederic W. March, Selectman.....	1,000.00
William G. Herman, Town Administrator.....	32,519.76
Mary V. Fuller, Tax Collector.....	22,948.00
Mary V. Fuller, Town Clerk (<i>Resigned</i>).....	150.00
Holly L. Wheeler, Town Clerk (<i>Resigned</i>).....	2,805.00
Carole M. Ingham, Town Clerk.....	7,140.00
Elaine R. Stimpson, Acting Town Clerk.....	400.00
Elaine R. Stimpson, Deputy Town Clerk.....	1,880.00
Betsy T. Booth, Acting Deputy Town Clerk.....	120.00
James W. Wheeler, Treasurer.....	1,000.00
Sandra T. Grigg, Deputy Treasurer.....	250.00
Elaine R. Stimpson, Bookkeeper, Trustees of Trust Funds.....	300.00
Leo B. Murray, Auditor.....	693.75
Rachel J. Murray, Auditor.....	693.75
Mary V. Fuller, Assessing Clerk.....	719.05
Elaine R. Stimpson, Bookkeeper.....	15,267.60
Brenda L. Fontaine, Temporary Clerical.....	69.60

PART-TIME ASSESSOR:

Robert A. Estey.....	10,000.00
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PLANNING BOARD:

Sandi L. Greenwood, Clerk.....	7,460.14
Carlene L. Cutter, Clerk (<i>Temporary</i>).....	4,648.00
Brenda L. Fontaine, Clerk (<i>Temporary</i>).....	237.85

WELFARE, ADMINISTRATION OF:

Sandra T. Grigg, Welfare Director.....	4,500.00
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HEALTH, ADMINISTRATION OF:

James W. Grigg, Health Officer.....	1,000.00
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BUILDING INSPECTOR:

David T. Lindberg, Building Inspector.....	3,358.87
Charles W. Wheeler, Assistant Building Inspector.....	48.00

HIGHWAY:

Mark J. Fuller, Road Agent.....	35,520.16
Peter O. Langevin, Foreman.....	29,882.16

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

HIGHWAY (Continued):

Edmund W. Miles.....	26,490.50
Michael R. Clarke.....	23,126.20
Don R. Vachon.....	23,481.30
Sherwood D. Watson.....	20,854.69
John F. Radcliffe.....	2,633.45
Joseph E. Bloskey.....	134.28
Frank W. Parsons, Jr., Mowing.....	910.00

SOLID WASTE FACILITY:

Joseph E. Bloskey, Manager.....	24,997.89
Richard L. Clarke, II.....	1,862.50
Richard D. Filiatrault.....	1,512.00
Michael R. Clarke.....	688.70
Sherwood D. Watson.....	341.31
Don R. Vachon.....	451.05
Peter O. Langevin.....	98.00
Edmund W. Miles.....	211.48

EQUIPMENT MECHANIC:

John F. Radcliffe, Mechanic.....	27,534.15
Michael R. Clarke.....	116.41
Peter O. Langevin.....	128.64
Don R. Vachon.....	58.20
Joseph E. Bloskey.....	1,261.13
Edmund W. Miles.....	150.27
Sherwood D. Watson.....	215.75
Richard D. Filiatrault.....	744.00

POLICE:

David M. Wheeler, Chief.....	39,560.04
Douglas J. Scruton, Lieutenant.....	32,814.16
Shawn C. Bernier, Patrolman.....	29,864.09
David L. Hall, Patrolman.....	22,199.52
Robert D. Bennett, Part-Time Patrolman.....	1,415.00
Daniel S. Yoder, Part-Time Patrolman.....	1,266.05
Randy Sobel, Part-Time Patrolman.....	1,025.00
Lorna J. Tutt, Part-Time Patrolman.....	2,126.40
Kathryn B. Woods, Secretary.....	5,784.25
Kathryn A. Buckley, Temporary Secretary.....	4,232.00
Brenda L. Fontaine, Temporary Secretary.....	307.10

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

James W. Grigg.....2,000.00

RECREATION:

Bruce Neal, Director.....26,351.97

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Brenda L. Fontaine, Temporary Secretary.....26.10

LIBRARY:

Gregory Sauer, Librarian.....18,120.00

Rosalind Benoit, Aide.....4,273.50

Carlene L. Cutter, Custodial (Resigned).....72.50

Terrie L. Nickerson, Custodial (Resigned).....585.00

Gregory Sauer, Shovel Snow.....120.00

LeeAnn Watson, Custodial.....270.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS:

M. Dean Stimpson, Custodian.....3,600.00

Lawrence Corson, Wind Clock & Haul Rubbish.....820.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

M. Dean Stimpson, Heating Inspector.....172.80

ELECTION & REGISTRATIONS:

Leo J. Murray, Supervisor of the Checklist.....865.00

Alma M. Jacklin, Supervisor of the Checklist.....489.25

Nancy L. Lessard, Supervisor of the Checklist.....670.00

James W. Wheeler, Acting Supervisor of the Checklist.....70.00

Timothy Bates, Moderator.....240.00

Carole M. Ingham, Town Clerk.....300.00

David E. Mohr, Assistant Moderator.....220.00

Larason T. Perkins, Assistant Moderator.....160.00

Elaine R. Stimpson, Acting Town Clerk & Ballot Clerk.....215.00

Betsy T. Booth, Temporary Deputy Town Clerk.....445.00

Irene M. Searles, Ballot Clerk.....183.69

Mauri K. Kenny, Ballot Clerk.....385.00

Priscilla Parsons, Ballot Clerk.....151.62

Lois M. Perkins, Ballot Clerk.....140.00

Barbara M. Dyer, Ballot Clerk.....145.80

Linda G. Voltz, Ballot Clerk.....35.00

Darby C. Grigg, Ballot Clerk.....35.00

TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SALARIES

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS (Continued):

Denice' T. Pickard, Ballot Clerk.....	105.00
Rachel J. Murray, Ballot Clerk.....	35.00

CEMETERY:

Frank W. Parsons, Jr., Maintenance.....	1,235.00
Mark J. Fuller.....	460.80
Michael R. Clarke.....	291.00
Peter O. Langevin.....	367.60
Don R. Vachon.....	189.15
Edmund W. Miles.....	33.39
Sherwood D. Watson.....	26.26

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996**

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES:

Property Taxes.....	\$4,244,015	
Yield Taxes.....	10,448	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes.....	42,100	
Land Use Change Taxes.....	<u>4,250</u>	
TOTAL.....		\$ 4,300,813

LICENSES & PERMITS:

Business Licenses & Permits.....	\$ 475	
Motor Vehicle Permits.....	188,675	
Building Permits.....	7,574	
Other Licenses & Permits.....	<u>10,341</u>	
TOTAL.....		207,065

FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Shared Revenue.....	\$ 35,141	
Highway Block Grant.....	66,974	
Court Fees.....	704	
NHPS&T Training Grant.....	666	
Fire Station/Energy Conservation Grant.....	3,463	
Highway Safety Grant.....	<u>1,035</u>	
TOTAL.....		107,983

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

COPS MORE Grant.....		2,696
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REVENUES FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES:

Income from Departments.....	\$ 8,040	
Recycling.....	<u>5,459</u>	
TOTAL.....		13,499

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Sale of Municipal Property.....	\$ 16,191	
Interest on Investments.....	24,068	
Fines & Forfeits.....	801	
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements.....	72,029	
Other Miscellaneous Sources.....	<u>10,994</u>	
TOTAL.....		124,083

OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES:

Trust and Agency Funds.....	\$ 28,942	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve.....	213,099	
Void Checks.....	2,675	
Tax Anticipation Notes.....	<u>600,000</u>	
TOTAL.....		844,716
TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES.....		5,600,855
Fund Balance January 1, 1996.....		<u>278,852</u>
GRAND TOTAL.....		\$5,879,707

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996
SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive.....	\$ 110,304	
Election & Registration.....	5,434	
Revaluation of Property.....	12,781	
Legal Expense.....	43,942	
Personnel Administration.....	118,734	
Planning & Zoning.....	13,794	
General Government Buildings.....	33,345	
Cemeteries.....	4,153	
Insurance not otherwise Allocated.....	70,990	
Other General Government.....	<u>14,410</u>	
TOTAL.....		\$ 427,886

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police.....	\$ 159,355	
Highway Safety Patrol.....	3,341	
Fire.....	52,699	
Building Inspection.....	2,807	
Emergency Management.....	<u>50</u>	
TOTAL.....		218,252

HIGHWAYS & STREETS:

Highways & Streets.....	\$ 277,150	
Street Lighting.....	5,842	
Equipment Mechanic.....	<u>72,369</u>	
TOTAL.....		355,361

SANITATION:

Solid Waste Disposal.....	\$ 101,679	
Recycling Committee.....	<u>217</u>	
TOTAL.....		101,896

HEALTH:

Administration.....	\$ 2,504	
Pest Control.....	3,102	
Health Agencies.....	<u>3,743</u>	
TOTAL.....		9,349

WELFARE:

Administration.....	\$ <u>37,566</u>	
TOTAL.....		37,566

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Parks & Recreation.....	\$ 40,130	
Library.....	34,270	
Patriotic Purposes.....	<u>135</u>	
TOTAL.....		74,535

CONSERVATION:

Conservation Commission.....	\$ <u>1,896</u>	
TOTAL.....		1,896

DEBT SERVICE:

Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes.....	\$ 29,000	
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes.....	11,649	
Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	18,590	
Tax Anticipation Notes.....	<u>600,000</u>	
TOTAL.....		659,239

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Birch Hill Road.....	\$ 90,000	
Owls Head Project.....	15,000	
Old Town House Park.....	400	
Road Reconstruction/Paving.....	141,974	
Merrymeeting Road SAR.....	10,000	
Library Copier.....	1,500	
Computer System.....	4,400	
Oil Filter Crusher.....	3,295	
Town Meeting House.....	641	
Shop Exhaust Blower.....	4,895	

Ambulance.....	31,124	
Highway Department Truck.....	<u>72,684</u>	
TOTAL.....		375,913
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:		
Taxes Bought by Town.....	\$ 150,911	
Abatements.....	2,036	
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds.....	59,230	
Transfer to Trust Funds.....	<u>3,500</u>	
TOTAL.....		215,677
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:		
Taxes Paid to County.....	\$ 333,647	
Taxes Paid to Precinct.....	32,809	
To School District.....	2,246,019	
To Other Governments.....	<u>1,473</u>	
TOTAL.....		2,613,948
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....		\$ 5,091,518
End of Year Fund Balance 12/31/96		746,323
GRAND TOTAL.....		\$ 5,837,841

The financial reports for 1996 had not been completely audited by the Town Auditors at the time the Town Report went to press.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1996

FROM LOCAL TAXES:

Property Tax 1996	\$ 3,192,917	
Property Tax 1995	820,768	
Yield Tax 1996	3,251	
Yield Taxes 1995	7,197	
Land Use Change Taxes	4,250	
Tax Liens Redeemed	230,330	
Interest 1995 Taxes	2,974	
Interest 1994 Taxes	<u>39,126</u>	
TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED:		4,300,813

BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS

Pistol Permits	370	
Dredge & Fill Permits	70	
Pole & Cable Permits	10	
Junkyard Permits	<u>25</u>	
TOTAL BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS:		475

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS: 188,675

BUILDING PERMITS: 7,574

OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:

Dog Licenses	3,232	
Vital Statistics	759	
Subdivision & Site Plan Applications	4,455	
Current Use Applications	60	
Town Officer's Filing Fees	9	
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Filing Fees	982	
Federal Tax Liens	225	
ZBA Applications	<u>619</u>	
TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:		10,341

REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Shared Revenue Block Grant	35,141	
Highway Block Grant	66,974	
Court Fees	704	
NHPS&T Training Grant	666	
Fire Station Energy Conservation Grant	3,463	
Highway Safety Grant	<u>1,035</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		107,983

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1996**REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:**

COPS MORE Grant	2,696
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INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Photocopies	598	
Solid Waste Income	4,168	
Opening Graves	1,000	
Dumpfest Revenues	1,874	
Police & Fire Reports	490	
TOTAL INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		8,040

RECYCLING REVENUE:

Aluminum Cans	3,330	
Plastic/Cardboard	644	
Glass	106	
Scrap Metal	1,379	
TOTAL RECYCLING REVENUE		5,459

SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY:

Tax Deeded Property	15,336	
Ambulance	755	
Highway Car & Trailer	100	
TOTAL SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY		16,191

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS:

24,068

FINES & FORFEITS:

Bad Check & Ordinance Fines	336	
Civil Forfeitures	465	
TOTAL FINES & FORFEITS		801

INSURANCE DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENTS:

Comp Funds of NH Dividend & Return	50,872	
NHMA PLIT Dividend	6,504	
Plow Damage Reimbursement	4,917	
Fire Truck Door Damage Reimbursement	508	
Tar Damage Reimbursement	165	
Reimbursement - BC/BS	9,064	
TOTAL INSURANCE DIVIDENDS & REIMBURSEMENTS		72,029

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS - 1996

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:

Worker's Compensation Reimbursement	3,652	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	3,308	
Election & Registration/G.W.R.S.D.	494	
Town House Electric Reimbursement	83	
Telephone Rebate/PUC Order	1,161	
Welfare Reimbursements	1,211	
Overpayment of Federal Tax/U.S. Treasury	132	
Cemetary Timber Cut Proceeds	400	
Miscellaneous Credits/Refunds	543	
Land Lease Payment/American Legion	<u>10</u>	
TOTAL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES		10,994

OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES:

Trust & Agency Funds	28,942	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	213,099	
Tax Anticipation Notes	600,000	
Void Checks	<u>2,675</u>	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES		<u>844,716</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES **\$ 5,600,855**

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996**4130 - EXECUTIVE**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 41,731
Town Administrator's Salary	32,520
Clerical Wages	16,056
Archives	1,004
Telephone	2,047
Office Supplies	1,645
Equipment & Maintenance	3,720
Printing	2,521
Advertising	414
Postage	2,957
Mileage	1,542
Dues	1,315
Books & Subscriptions	253
Meetings & Conferences	1,284
Registry of Deeds	696
Tax Map Update	<u>600</u>
TOTAL: Executive	\$ 110,304

4140 - ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

Wages	\$ 4,714
Update Checklists	150
Advertising	110
Postage	49
Mileage & Travel	36
Printing of Ballots	163
Lunches	176
Miscellaneous	<u>35</u>
TOTAL: Election, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 5,434

4152 - REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Reappraisal	\$ 12,781
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4153 - LEGAL EXPENSES

Legal Expenses	\$ 43,942
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4155 - PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Administration	\$ 118,734
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996**4191 - PLANNING & ZONING**

Wages	\$ 8,514
Telephone	409
Office Supplies	366
Equipment Maintenance	812
Advertising	1,068
Postage	550
Mileage/Training	55
Dues & Fees	1,420
Books & Subscriptions	77
Register of Deeds	259
Contracted Services	264
TOTAL: Planning & Zoning	\$ 13,794

4194 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Wages	\$ 4,420
Electricity	13,477
Building Maintenance	1,886
Supplies	841
Heating Oil & Service	6,438
Building Improvements	6,283
TOTAL: General Government Buildings	\$ 33,345

4195 - CEMETERIES

Labor & Equipment	\$ 3,594
Electricity	238
Supplies	310
Dues	10
TOTAL: Cemeteries	\$ 4,153

4196 - INSURANCE

NHMA Property-Liability Insurance Trust	\$ 35,855
Compensation Funds of New Hampshire	
Workers' Compensation	33,527
Unemployment Compensation	1,609
TOTAL: Insurance	\$ 70,990

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996**4199 - OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Contracted Services	\$ 8,406
Repeater Lease	660
Vital Statistics	1,450
Contingency Fund	<u>4,224</u>
TOTAL: Other General Government	\$ 14,740

4210 - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$ 140,459
Telephone	3,932
Office Supplies	932
Office Equipment/Maintenance	783
Printing	195
Postage	300
Film/Developing	361
Books & Subscriptions	410
Gasoline	2,781
Pager	293
Radio Maintenance	706
Uniforms	2,874
Training	224
Ammo	338
Dispatch Service	<u>4,766</u>
TOTAL: Police Department	\$ 159,355

4220 - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Telephone	\$ 1,044
Office Supplies	17
Dues & Fees	187
Vehicle Fuel	852
Radio Equipment Maintenance	4,624
Building Maintenance	1,569
Uniforms	923
Equipment	12,770
Medical Supplies	1,018
Clothing & Equipment Allowance	6,706
Dispatch Service	8,841
Training	14,461
Fire Prevention Program	<u>486</u>
TOTAL: Fire Department	\$ 53,499

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996

4240 - BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspection	\$ 2,807
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4290 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dam Inspections & Maintenance	\$ 50
TOTAL - Emergency Management	\$ 50

4299 - OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS

Highway Safety Patrol	\$ 1,164
Court Prosecution	2,000
Outside Police Details	177
TOTAL - Other Public Safety Funds	\$ 3,341

4312 - HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Wages	\$ 159,394
Telephone	546
Gasoline	1,281
Radio Maintenance	1,658
Building Maintenance	500
Supplies	3,587
Equipment	4,699
Safety Equipment & Training	2,804
Diesel Fuel	7,455
Brush Cutter	1,703
Sweeper	800
Equipment Rental	13,695
Sand	17,362
Cold Patch	1,207
Tar	18,524
Salt	29,028
Gravel & Calcium Chloride	10,028
Culverts	1,155
TOTAL: Highways & Streets	\$ 275,426

4316 - STREET LIGHTS

Street Lights	\$ 5,842
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996**4319 - EQUIPMENT MECHANIC**

Wages	\$ 30,292
Mileage	61
Contracted Services	8,387
Supplies	5,598
Uniforms	530
Equipment	1,479
Equipment Rental	207
Highway Vehicles	20,278
Police Vehicles	2,698
Fire Vehicles	2,127
Landfill Vehicles	<u>353</u>
TOTAL: Equipment Mechanic	\$ 72,369

4324 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Wages	\$ 30,144
Vehicle Fuel	511
Building Maintenance	348
Equipment Rental	3,850
Supplies	488
Mileage/Training	441
Waste Removal	24,783
Tipping/Hauling	<u>41,114</u>
TOTAL: Solid Waste Disposal	\$110,679

4325- RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling Committee	\$ 217
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4411 - HEALTH

Administration	\$ 1,000
Mileage	113
Secretarial	232
Postage	300
MMLA Water Quality Test	500
Water Tests & Supplies	<u>360</u>
TOTAL: Health	\$ 2,504

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996

4414 - ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control	\$ 3,102
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4415 - HEALTH AGENCIES

Rural District Health VNA, Inc.	\$ 2,993
Strafford County CAP	<u>750</u>
TOTAL: Health Agencies	\$ 3,743

4442- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Administration	\$ 5,008
Direct Assistance	<u>32,557</u>
TOTAL: Public Assistance	\$ 37,566

4520 - PARKS & RECREATION

Salaries	\$ 27,377
Telephone	451
Office Supplies	80
Printing	125
Postage	71
Dues & Fees	566
Electricity	266
Contracted Services	4,457
Ballfield Maintenance	2,305
Uniforms	1,496
First Aid	174
Awards	438
Entertainment	875
Sports Equipment	<u>2,649</u>
TOTAL: Parks & Recreation	\$ 41,330

4550 - LIBRARY

Wages	\$ 23,441
Telephone	273
Office Supplies	661
Postage	255
Conferences & Mileage	238
Dues & Fees	81
Books & Subscriptions	7,502
Building Maintenance	1,140

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996**LIBRARY (Continued)**

Maintenance Supplies	\$ 168
Courses & Books	450
Children's Programs	<u>62</u>
TOTAL: Library	\$ 34,270

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:	135
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:	1,896
PRINCIPAL- LONG TERM NOTES:	29,000
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES:	11,649
INTEREST - TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES:	18,590
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES:	600,000
OLD TOWN HOUSE PARK:	400
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION/PAVING:	141,974
MERRYMEETING ROAD SAR:	10,000
BIRCH HILL ROAD PROJECT:	90,000
OWL'S HEAD PROJECT:	15,000
LIBRARY COPIER:	1,500
COMPUTER SYSTEM:	4,400
OIL FILTER CRUSHER:	3,295
HIGHWAY TRUCK:	72,684
AMBULANCE:	31,124
TOWN MEETING HOUSE:	641
SHOP EXHAUST BLOWER SYSTEM:	4,895

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS - 1996

HIGHWAY TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	\$ 20,000
HIGHWAY DEPT. LOADER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	15,000
USED HIGHWAY TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	20,000
ASSESSING SOFTWARE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	4,000
UNCARED FOR GRAVEYARDS TRUST FUND:	1,000
ACCRUED BENEFIT LIABILTY TRUST FUND:	1,000
COMPUTER MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND:	1,500
TAXES PAID TO COUNTY:	333,647
TAXES PAID TO PRECINCT:	32,809
PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT:	2,246,019
DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSES:	1,473
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 5,091,518

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Birth
April 2	Kelsey Christine Crowley	Frank Warren Crowley	Christine Marie Joy	Rochester
May 13	Haley Marie Maskell	Robert Alton Maskell	Wendy Marie Lovejoy	Rochester
June 29	Sarah Elizabeth Booth	Frederick Harold Booth	Diane Marie Auclair	Concord
July 24	Emily Pauline Apple	Mark David Apple	Lea Denise Dufour	Manchester
August 11	Rachel Elizabeth Lapar	William H.R. Lapar	Sonya Ruth Maddock	Exeter
September 3	Jeremy Greg Gilbert	Eric Donald Gilbert	Andrea Lynn Bilodeau	Rochester
September 3	Travis Austin Drapeau	Jeffrey Phillip Drapeau	Jennette Marie Berry	Wolfeboro
October 18	Mae Mulken Van Rossum	Reed B. Van Rossum	Kathleen Mary Mulken	Dover
October 18	Liam Mulken Van Rossum	Reed B. Van Rossum	Kathleen Mary Mulken	Dover
December 3	Alexander Lee Topliffe	Jeffrey Scott Topliffe	Ranee Lee Millner	New Durham
December 12	Joseph Aaron Randall	Roswell R. Randall	Tammy Marie Coran	Rochester
December 16	Skyler Phillip Goldberg	Michael W. Goldberg	Dana Marie Ouderkirk	Laconia

Marriages Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

Date	Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name	Residence
June 16	Marc Roger Desrosiers	New Durham	Grace Alice Quinney	New Durham
July 6	James Jay Kosko	New Durham	Susan Ellen Uthal	New Durham
July 6	Craig Elliot Wilson	Westboro, MA	Nicole Marie Colbert	Westboro, MA
July 14	Robert Howard Kroepel	New Durham	Janice Elizabeth Draper	New Durham
August 3	Peter Carr Grigg	New Durham	Melissa Marion Erickson	New Durham
August 3	Daniel M. Bellemore	New Durham	Sandra Ann Eaton	New Durham
August 24	George Michael Chasse	New Durham	Celeste Marie Garland	New Durham
October 27	Eric John Thomas	New Durham	Patti Morgan Wyatt	New Durham
November 2	David Lewellen Fillmore	New Durham	Roberta Ann Dixon	New Durham
November 23	Donald Robert Labelle	New Durham	Marie Elizabeth Arcard	New Durham

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths Recorded in the Town of New Durham for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
January 26	Norma M. Cardinal	Arthur Smith	Clara Bover	Wolfeboro, NH
January 27	Anita L. Baker	Elmer Berry	Ellen Bowden	Rochester, NH
February 1	Ivory L. Allen	Ivory Allen	Nellie Lowney	New Durham
February 29	Ralph Irving Durkee	Ralph Durkee	Doris Carr	New Durham
May 23	John J. Conway	John Conway	Katherine McCarthy	New Durham
June 9	Amelia Florence Baker	Sydney Martin	Ninetta Louisa Pilcher	Rochester, NH
July 14	Clarence Nylund	Andrew Nylund	Naomi Sundblom	New Durham
July 27	Violet Jane Nicholson	Samuel W. Rumson	Ann E. Pike	Wolfeboro, NH
August 23	Robert A. Nixon	Robert Nixon	Mabel Kinnear	New Durham
September 4	Elizabeth B. Grenier	Albert L. Langley	Mabel Hoyt	Rochester, NH
September 7	Rachel Jean Murray	Stanley W. Snelling	Ada Jane Lander	Rochester, NH
September 15	Eric Gustav Johnson	Johan Johnson	Elizabeth Svensson	New Durham
October 8	Earl James Rhoades	William G. Rhoades	Ida Mitchell	Dover, NH
December 1	Stewart R. Ellison	Arthur Ellison	Carrie Cromb	New Durham
December 16	Vasiliki Bessie Chigas	John Chigas	Georgia Harris	Rochester, NH

I hereby certify that the above returns of births, marriages and deaths registered in the Town of New Durham, N.H., for the year ending December 31, 1996 are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carole M. Ingham
Town Clerk

NEW DURHAM

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CID NUMBER:	909	LABOR FORCE	(1990)
COUNTY:	Strafford	Total Number of Employers:	15
LABOR MARKET AREA:	Conway	Total Workers Employed:	973
DISTANCE TO:		Labor Force Participation Rate:	Male: 80.4%
Manchester, NH	50 miles		Female: 66.8%
Boston, MA	80 miles	Labor Force Education Levels:	
New York, NY	305 miles	High School and Higher Graduates	80.6%
Montreal, Canada	260 miles	Bachelor's Degree and Higher	15.2%
ELEVATION:	200 feet	EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	(1990)
TEMPERATURE (°F):		Executive/Administrative/Managerial:	106
Annual Average	47.4°	Professional Specialty:	115
January Average	24.2°	Technician/Related Support:	36
July Average	70.4°	Sales Workers:	92
PRECIPITATION:	Annual Average 42.1 in.	Administrative Support/Clerical:	99
DEMOGRAPHICS		Private Household:	2
Population	1995 1990 1980 1970	Protective Service:	12
Community	2,017 1,974 1,180 583	Services, Other:	79
County	107,853 104,233 85,324 70,431	Farming/Forestry/Fishing:	27
1990 Population by age:		Precision Production/Craft/Repair:	169
5 and under	192	Machine Operators/Assemblers:	142
6 to 17	406	Transportation/Material Moving:	54
18 to 29	261	Handlers/Helpers/Laborers:	40
30 to 59	868	COMMUTING PATTERNS	(1990)
60 to 69	139	Mean Travel Time To Work (minutes):	29.49
70 and Over	108	Percent of Residents Working In Community:	17.6 %
INCOME	(1990)	Percent of Residents Commuting Elsewhere:	82.4 %
Per Capita Income:	12,919	Percent of Nonresidents Commuting In:	26.5%
Median Household Income:	37,137		
Average Weekly Wage:	171		
LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTAB.
Zero Emissions Technology	Computer boards		1979
Foxy Johnnie	Restaurant	40	
Mama Rina's	Restaurant	30	
State of New Hampshire	Fish hatchery	12	
Town of New Durham	Municipal Government	25	
New Durham School	Elementary School	19	
MUNICIPAL SERVICES	TAXES		(1996)
Town Hall Hours:	M-F 9-4; Sat. 9-12	Local Property Tax Rate (per thousand):	\$27.04
Type Of Government:	Selectmen	Assessment Ratio:	0.99
Fiscal Year:	96	Full-Value Property Tax (per thousand):	\$27.00
Budget (Annual):	1,770,281	1996 Valuation:	Residential: 96.41%
Expenditure/Capita:	877.68		Commercial: 1.73%
			Other: 1.86%
Planning Board:	Appointed	HOUSING	(1995)
Industrial Plans Reviewed By:	Reg. Planning Comm.	Single-Family Units:	1138
Zoning:	1971/95	Number of Building Permits:	9
Master Plan:	1983	Multi-Family Units:	19
Capital Improvement Plan:	1993	Number of Building Permits:	0
Full-Time Police Department:	Yes	Mobile Homes:	133
Full-Time Fire Department:	No	Median Gross Rent:	509
Town Fire Insurance Rating:	9/9	Median Housing Costs:	117,600

NEW DURHAM

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UTILITIES

Electric Supplier: PSNH/NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier: None

Water Supplier: Private wells
Source:
Average Usage (1000 gal/day):
Excess Capacity (1000 gal/day):

Sanitation Sewer: Private sewage
Coverage:

Municipal Treatment Plant
Treatment Plant Type:
Capacity (million gal/day):
Load (percent of capacity):

Telephone Company: NYNEX/Union Tel.
Telephone Switching: Digital
Cellular Phone Access: Yes
Cable Television: Yes

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

	Schools	Grades	Enrollment	Vocational Education
Elementary	1	K-6	214	
Middle/Junior High	1	7-8	40	
High School				
Private/Parochial	1	P-7	10	
If No Schools, District Students Attend: Governor Wentworth School District, Wolfeboro				Distance: 17 miles

Nearest Technical College: Laconia Comm/Tech College
Nearest College/University: UNH/McIntosh

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

Protestant Churches: 1
Catholic Churches:
Synagogues:
Other:

Hotels/Motels:
Bed/Breakfast Establishments:
Total Overnight Rooms:

Shopping Centers/Malls:
Cinemas:
Live Theater:
Museums:
Other:

TRANSPORTATION/ACCESS

Road Access: Federal Routes:
State Routes: 11
Nearest Interstate: Spaulding, Exit 15
Distance: 14 miles
Railroad: None
Public Transportation:
Nearest Airport: Wolfeboro
Runway: 2030 feet
Lighted: Yes
Navigational Aids: No
Nearest Commercial Airport: Laconia
Distance: 24 miles

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Nearest Hospital:
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester
Distance: 15 miles Beds: 101
Total Number of Doctors Living in Town: 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Town of New Durham
William G. Herman, Town Administrator
PO Box 207, 4 Main St
New Durham, NH 03855

Telephone: (603) 859-2091
Fax Number: (603) 859-6644
E-Mail:
http://www.

Library: New Durham Public

Municipal Parks:
YMCA/YWCA:
Indoor/Outdoor Swimming:
Indoor Skating Rinks:
Tennis Courts:
Golf Courses:
Bowling Centers:
Nearest Ski Areas:
Gunstock
Other Recreation:
Fish & Game Club

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TOWN GOVERNMENT TALENT BANK

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Town government needs citizens who are willing to give time in the service of their community. The Talent Bank is organized as a means of compiling names of volunteer citizens willing to serve on boards and committees. Names in this file are available for use by the Selectmen and Moderator, as well as all Town Offices.

Please complete the questions, indicate your areas of interest and return immediately to:

Town Government Talent Bank
c/o Board of Selectmen
Nes Durham Town Offices
P.O. Box 207
New Durham, NH 03855-0207

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____

OCCUPATION _____

SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE _____

Name/Signature _____ Date _____

List Order of Preferences:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | _____ |

NEW DURHAM CALENDAR

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the New Durham Public Library &
Resource Center

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meetings scheduled as required at the New Durham School

PLANNING BOARD

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Town Hall Hours:

*(Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Police Department, Planning Board, Assessing,
Town Administrator/Selectmen's Office)*

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Library Hours:

Monday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

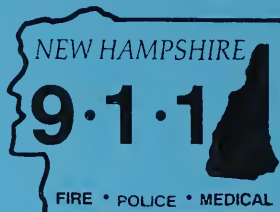
Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Closed

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY - CALL:

E M E R G E N C Y

DIAL:



Be sure to give your name and address clearly, as well as the nature of your emergency. **DO NOT HANG UP** until you are sure that your message has been understood.

INFORMATION DIRECTORY

FOR ANSWERS ON:

CALL THE:

Administration.....	Town Administrator.....	859-2091
Assessments.....	Land Use Clerk.....	859-7171
Births & Deaths.....	Town Clerk.....	859-2091
Building Permits.....	Building Inspector.....	859-7171
Burning Permits.....	Forest Fire Warden.....	859-2101
Occupancy Permit.....	Building Inspector.....	859-7171
Dogs - Licenses.....	Town Clerk.....	859-2091
Dogs - At Large.....	Police Dispatch.....	859-2751
Elections, Voter Registration.....	Town Clerk.....	859-2091
Health Complaints & Inspections.....	Health Officer.....	859-7150
Library.....	Library Resource Center.....	859-2201
Motor Vehicle Registration.....	Town Clerk.....	859-2091
Planning Board.....	Land Use Clerk.....	859-7171
Police (Routine).....	Police Department.....	859-2752
Recreation.....	Recreation Director.....	859-2061
Refuse - Transfer Station.....	Solid Waste Manager.....	859-8000
Road Maintenance.....	Road Agent.....	859-8000
School Registration.....	Elementary School.....	859-2061
Taxes.....	Tax Collector.....	859-0208
Welfare - Public Assistance.....	Overseer of Public Welfare.....	859-0204
Zoning & Land Use Regulations.....	Land Use Clerk.....	859-7171
New Durham Food Pantry.....		859-0204
Rural Visiting Nurse Association.....		1-755-2202
Strafford County Community Action Committee (CAP).....		1-749-1334